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TOWN OFFICERS, 1904-1905.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Fence Viewers

JAMES W. KILLAM, *Chairman*
OLIVER L. AKERLEY, *Secretary*
HENRY R. JOHNSON

Assessors

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Chairman* . .	Term expires	1907
JOHN H. ADDEN, *Sec'y*	" "	1905
MILLARD F. CHARLES . . .	" "	1906

Town Clerk

MILLARD F. CHARLES

Treasurer

EDWARD F. PARKER

Collector of Taxes

HERBERT M. VIALL

Auditors

EDGAR N. HUNT ALBERT P. DANE
GEORGE H. CLOUGH

Board of Health

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, *Chairman* .	Term expires	1906
FREDERIC D. MERRILL, *Secretary* .	" "	1905
GEORGE L. FLINT	" "	1907

School Committee

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman* . . Term expires 1905
GILMAN L. PARKER, *Secretary* . . " " 1906
ELIZABETH H. BROWN . . . " " 1906
HORACE G. WADLIN . . . . " " 1905
MARY L. NESMITH . . . . " " 1907
HENRY C. PARKER . . . . " " 1907
MELVILLE A. STONE, *Superintendent of Schools.*

Water Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, *Chairman* . . Term expires 1907
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD, *Secretary* . " " 1906
E. HARLEY GOWING . . . . " " 1905

Municipal Light Board

WM. S. KINSLEY, *Chairman* . . . Term expires 1906
GEORGE L. FLINT, *Secretary* . . . " " 1905
WALTER F. COOK . . . . . " " 1907

Trustees of Public Library

HORACE G. WADLIN, *Chairman* . . Term expires 1907
CYRUS M. BARROWS, *Secretary* . . " " 1905
FREDERICK E. WHITTEMORE . . " " 1905
HARLEY PRENTISS . . . . " " 1906
HENRY G. KITTREDGE . . . " " 1906
J. WOODWARD MANNING . . . " " 1907

Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery

GALEN A. PARKER, *Chairman* . . Term expires 1905
WILLIE E. TWOMBLY . . . . " " 1905
ALFRED W. DANFORTH, *Supt. and Sec'y* " " 1906
HENRY T. LEAVIS . . . . . " " 1906
ALDEN BATCHELDER . . . . " " 1907
FRANK L. EDGERLEY . . . . " " 1907

Registrars

MILLARD F. CHARLES, *Clerk*

WALTER M. SCOTT OWEN McKENNEY

WALTER S. PRENTISS

Engineers of Fire Department

FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief*

GEORGE L. PRATT, *Clerk*

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

L. T. EAMES

Forest Firewards

ALBION G. NICHOLS WILLARD A. BANCROFT

JOHN N. WESTON C. W. C. TRASK

J. WESLEY DAVIES

Constables

FREDERIC D. MERRILL J. HENRY ORR

Police

FREDERIC D. MERRILL, *Chief, and Keeper of Lock-up*

J. HENRY ORR

WM. H. MANNING

Specials

SAMUEL BROWN EUGENE L. LOVEJOY

JEREMIAH CULLINANE JASON ZWICKER

ASA PARKER ROBERT POWERS

JOHN STOCK REUBEN J. LeFAVE

J. MANDE DOUCETTE CLEMENT GLEASON

FRANK A. BUTTERS HERBERT STOCK

JOHN W. SAUNDERS

Truant Officer

AZRO A. SMITH

Superintendent of Streets

LEMUEL W. ALLEN

Keeper of Town Home

WILLIAM C. SMITH

Inspector of Plumbing

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY

Inspector of Animals, Slaughter Houses, Meats and Provisions

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRANK W. PARKER

Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors

EPHRAIM WIGHT

Tree Warden

A. CHANDLER MANNING

Finance Committee

M. F. CHARLES, *Secretary* .	Term expires Dec. 31, 1904
G. A. PARKER	" " " " "
M. A. STONE	" " " " "
E. L. LOVEJOY . . .	" " " " "
SOLON BANCROFT . .	" " " " "

JACOB MITCHELL, *Chairman*	Term expires Dec. 31, 1905
ALDEN BATCHELDER . .	" " " " "
F. E. CRAFTS	" " " " "
H. P. BOSSON	" " " " "
F. M. SMITH	" " " " "
H. E. McINTIRE . . .	" " Dec. 31, 1906
JOHN CONNELLY . . .	" " " " "
A. NEWELL HOWES . .	" " " " "
JOS. S. TEMPLE . . .	" " " " "
F. W. B. PRATT . . .	" " " " "

Measurers of Wood and Bark

JAMES A. BANCROFT — CHARLES WAKEFIELD
CALVIN L. MARTIN — WENDELL BANCROFT
FRED'K WALLACE

Surveyors of Lumber

JAMES A. BANCROFT — SAMUEL BROWN
WENDELL BANCROFT — JOSEPH W. KILLAM
ORA L. MILBURY — BURTON K. SYMONDS
WARREN M. WHITEHOUSE — EDWARD B. EAMES
WM. R. ZWICKER

Weighers of Coal and Hay

CHAS. W. LEE — CALVIN L. MARTIN
FRED M. PLATTS — FREEMAN KELSO
W. IRVING BANCROFT — LUKE McKENNEY
M. J. DALEY — WM. WHITE
WENDELL BANCROFT — WM. BUCHANAN
ALFRED F. ELLS — WEBSTER EAMES
GEORGE ELLIS

Field Drivers

ASA PARKER — WILLARD A. BANCROFT
JOHN STOCK

TOWN MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 1904

Proceedings of Town Meeting Held March 7, 1904, for Election of Town Officials.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

George L. Flint was unanimously chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, one member of Board of Assessors for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one member of Board of Health for three years, two Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors, and Tree Warden for one year; also on same ballot Yes or No in answer to the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

The following election officers were duly appointed and sworn: Ballot Clerks, Wm. S. Kinsley and Wm. H. Perkins; Tellers, George E. Adams, Alfred W. Danforth, Frank A. Bessom, Arthur W. Temple, Horace E. Eames, Clinton L. Newell, Henry S. LaClair, Robert A. Carter, Charles C. Wright, Chester W. McDougall, John Connelly, George L. Pratt. The polls were declared open after the ballot box was duly inspected and found empty and registered 0000. Ballots were turned over to Ballot Clerks, they receipting therefor. Voted to close the polls at 5.30 o'clock P. M. Polls were closed at 5.30 o'clock P. M. The total vote cast was

1017 men's ballots, and 28 women's special ballots, making a total of 1045 ballots cast. The ballots were sorted and counted and declared in open town meeting with the following result:

TOWN CLERK

Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft ave.	749
Blanks	267
Scattering	1

SELECTMEN

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st.	568
Henry R. Johnson, 60 John st.	605
James W. Killam, 16 Arlington st.	613
A. Chandler Manning, 128 High st.	438
John F. Turner, 147 Woburn st.	481
Blanks	343
Scattering	3

OVERSEERS OF POOR

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st.	557
Henry R. Johnson, 60 John st.	584
James W. Killam, 16 Arlington st.	610
A. Chandler Manning, 128 High st.	429
John F. Turner, 147 Woburn st.	472
Blanks	397
Scattering	2

ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

John H. Adden, 159 Main st.	553
Eugene L. Lovejoy, 73 Salem st.	322
Blanks	142

TREASURER

Edward F. Parker, 3 Salem st.	810
Blanks	203
Scattering	4

Collector of Taxes

Herbert M. Viall, 88 Prospect st.	849
Blanks	167
Scattering	1

Board of Health Three Years

George L. Flint, 42 Highland st.	854
Blanks	163

Two Constables

Frederic D. Merrill, 27 Highland st.	740
John H. Orr, 31 Village st.	635
Herbert G. Stock, 78 Salem st.	274
Blanks	380
Scattering	5

Water Commissioner Three Years

Henry R. Johnson, 60 John st.	634
Joseph S. Robinson, 84 Oak st.	265
Blanks	118

Municipal Light Board Three Years

Walter F. Cook, 241 Main st.	402
Kirk A. Parker, 15 Grand st.	171
C. Winthrop Smith, Main st.	65
Frank W. Willis, 11 Parker st.	230
Blanks	149

Two Trustees Laurel Hill Cemetery Three Years

Alden Batchelder, Main st.	589
Frank L. Edgerley, 185 Main st.	629
George E. Pierce, Haven st.	372
Blanks	443
Scattering	1

TWO TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY THREE YEARS

J. Woodward Manning, 134 High st.	788
Horace G. Wadlin, 118 Woburn st.	750
Blanks	493
Scattering	3

TWO SCHOOL COMMITTEE THREE YEARS

Mary L. Nesmith, 383 Main st.	782
Henry C. Parker, 40 Chute st.	752
Blanks	541
Scattering	15

THREE AUDITORS

George Hatch Clough, 60 Lowell st.	723
Albert P. Dane, 157 Summer ave.	714
Edgar N. Hunt, 125 Summer ave.	736
Blanks	877

TREE WARDEN

A. Chandler Manning	86
Walter P. Gleason	54
Blanks	849
Scattering	28

SHALL LICENSES BE GRANTED ?

Yes	350
No	531
Blanks	136

No further business coming before this meeting it was voted to adjourn at 8.10 P. M.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Called for Action to be taken on Articles Relating to Town Business.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

George L. Flint was unanimously elected.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Sewerage Committee, Finance Committee, Tree Warden, and Special Committees.

Art. 2. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint Measurers of Wood and Bark for the ensuing year.

Voted that Asa Parker, Willard A. Bancroft and John Stock serve as Field Drivers for the ensuing year.

Voted that John H. Orr be appointed Pound Keeper for the ensuing year.

Voted that the following persons be appointed Surveyors of Lumber for the ensuing year: James A. Bancroft, Samuel Brown, Ora L. Milbury, Wm. R. Zwicker, Wendell Bancroft, Burton K. Symonds, Joseph W. Killam.

Voted that the Treasurer is hereby instructed to receive from the Trustees of the Public Library the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) paid to said Trustees as a bequest to the Public Library from the estate of Climena Wakefield and to put said sum at interest as a trust fund separate from other funds of the town, both principal and interest of said fund to be payable by him from time to time as may be ordered by the Trustees of the Public Library.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 2. Voted to take from the table.

Committee on Taxation and Refunding the Town Debt made no report but asked to be continued.

Voted that said Committee, consisting of the following members: A. Newell Howes, Horace G. Wadlin, Henry H. Howard, Arthur H. Jewett, and Alden Batchelder, be continued as a Committee on Taxation and Refunding the Town Debt.

Art. 2. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, Incidental School Expenses, Superintendent of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, Sprinkling Streets, Removing Snow and Ice, Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, Police Department, Forest Fire Wards, Support of Poor, Salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Building, Cemetery, Public Library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Care of Old South Clock, Interest Account, Care and Improvement of the Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, Election Expenses, Concrete Gutters, Crosswalks and Paved Gutters, Repairs of Concrete, for the Committee on Sewerage, Miscellaneous Expenses, and Tree Warden.

Schools, voted to raise and appropriate therefor	$24,200 00
Incidental School Expenses	4,800 00
Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks	3,000 00
School Incidentals, voted to appropriate from available funds	848 50
Street Sprinkling	449 00
Snow and Ice, removing the same	800 00
Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half)	200 00

Voted to lay matter of appropriation for the Fire Department on the table.

Police Department, support of	2,800 00

Forest Fire Wards	150 00
Support of the Poor	3,300 00
Salaries of Town Officers	3,600 00
Soldiers' State and Military Aid	2,800 00
Soldiers' Relief	1,500 00
Printing	700 00
Abatement of Taxes	600 00
Town Building and Office Expenses	400 00
Cemetery, voted to raise and appropriate and appropriate the unexpended balance of 1903 and the proceeds from sale of lots the present fiscal year.	600 00
Public Library, voted to raise and appropriate and appropriate the proceeds of the dog tax coming from the County Treasurer.	900 00
Memorial Day, to be expended by Post 194, G. A. R.	175 00
Board of Health	600 00
Care of Old South Clock, appropriate from Miscellaneous Account	50 00
Interest Account	900 00
Care and Improvement of Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park	150 00
Election Expenses	300 00
Concrete Gutters, Crosswalks and Paved Gutters	250 00
Repairs of Concrete	350 00
For Committee on Sewerage, voted to pass over.	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000 00
General Expenses of Tree Warden	200 00

Voted to lay Art. 4 on the table.

Art. 5. So see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-two hundred and eighty dollars for the purpose of maintaining one hundred and thirty-eight arc lights at sixty dollars per

light; and appropriate the same together with receipts of Plant for maintenance and interest accounts of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year 1904, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate $8,280.00 for the purpose of maintaining 138 arc lights at $60 per light, and appropriate the receipts of the plant for maintenance and interest accounts of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year 1904.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, and appropriate the unexpended balance of the year 1903, for construction and extension of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year 1904, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the sum of $2,099.00 be paid to the Treasurer out of the receipts of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year 1904, and that this amount together with the unexpended balance of the Construction Account be appropriated for construction of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year 1904.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will accept the offer of Miss Adelaide Sheak and purchase her estate upon Linden and Sanborn streets in accordance with the terms of said offer, as recommended in the report of the School Committee, and how much money they will raise by loan or otherwise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the Town, in accordance with the recommendation of the School Committee, accept the offer of Miss Adelaide M. Sheak to sell her estate upon Linden and Sanborn streets for the sum of $8,000, as a site for a new High School building, and the School Committee are hereby empowered and directed to do everything necessary to secure a conveyance to the Town of said estate, and the sum of $8,000 is hereby appropriated therefor. For the purpose of providing said amount the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to issue under the direction of the Selectmen the note or notes of the Town not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of eight thousand dollars, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding

4 per cent. per annum, and payable at such times and in such amounts as will extinguish the debt hereby created within a period of twenty years.

By count 241 voted yes and none no.

Art. 3. Voted to take from table.

Voted that the Water Commissioners be and they are instructed to continue the investigation of the new process of treating water, to prepare plans for a plant for treating water, make estimates of the cost of the same, and report to the Town as soon as practicable.

Voted that the Collector be instructed to collect all taxes (as far as possible) on or before Oct. 1, 1904, and upon all taxes unpaid at that time to add interest at 6 per cent. per annum from said date until paid, and also to collect all taxes unpaid Jan. 1st forthwith by due process of law, unless delinquents procure an order from the Selectmen releasing them from immediate payment.

The following Resolves were unanimously passed:

Resolved. That it is the sense of this meeting that the Senator from this District and our Representatives should support any and all bills that will make the streets leading to the North Station safer and cleaner, and that we ask them to carefully consider House Bills No. 621 and 662.

Resolved. That the Town Clerk notify the Senator and Representatives of this vote.

Voted to adjourn to meet in the Masonic Hall at 7.30 o'clock P. M. March 14, 1904.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

Pursuant to adjournment the town meeting was called to order by the Moderator, George L. Flint, at 7.30 P. M. March 14, 1904.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 4. Voted to take from the table.

Fire Department, voted to raise and appropriate $4,000; of this amount $150 is to be used for a Fireman's Field Day. Also voted to appropriate $1,000 from the available assets for expenses of the Fire Department the present fiscal year, and from May 1, 1903, to Jan. 1, 1904.

Art. 4. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 7. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Avon street, between Ash street and Main street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to pass over.

Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Walnut street, between Curtis and South streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to pass over.

Art. 9. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Grand street, near Harriman avenue, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to pass over.

Art. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Vine street, at the foot of Middlesex avenue, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to refer to Municipal Light Board.

Art. 11. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Hartshorn street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to pass over.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to furnish electricity for the Home for Aged Women.

Electricity for Home for Aged Women, voted $50.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars to furnish water for the Home for Aged Women.

Water for Home for Aged Women, voted $25.

Art. 14. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen or Board of Health in the suit of the City of Melrose vs. Town of Reading.

Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Board of Health with full powers.

Art. 15. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, interest on water loan, maintenance of water works and extraordinary repairs.

Service Pipes, voted $1,000.

Hydrant Rentals, voted $4,890.

Money voted to raise and appropriate, $300.

Water for Drinking Fountains, voted $500.

Street Sprinkling, voted $500.

Repairs of Water Plant, voted $300.

Voted that the amounts before voted for Hydrant Rentals, Drinking Fountains, Street Sprinkling, and for Repairs of Water Department, together with the receipts of the Water Department, be appropriated for Maintenance, (estimated at $7,000), Interest on Bonds ($8,425), of this department for the present fiscal year.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year.

Voted that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan, to and for the use of the Town of Reading, in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate $90,000, and to execute and deliver

the note or notes of the Town therefor payable within one year from the time the loan is made. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the Town under this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 17. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Voted that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 per cent. on each dollar collected during the present fiscal year.

Art. 18. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling the vacancies on the Finance Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to fill all vacancies on the Finance Committee for the ensuing year.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Grand Army Hall, electricity therefor, voted $50.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred and forty dollars to meet the interest on School House Bonds.

Interest on School House Bonds, voted therefor $1,240.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents to meet the interest on School House Notes.

Interest on School House Notes, voted therefor $312.50.

Art. 22. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of Electric Light and Power Plant Note for fourteen hundred dollars due May 1, 1904.

Voted to appropriate from available assets to pay Electric Light and Power Plant Note due May 1, 1904, $1,400.

Art. 23. To see what action the Town will take to meet pay-

ment of School House Note for two thousand dollars due May 1, 1904.

School House Note due May 1, 1904, voted therefor $2,000.

Art. 24. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of Electric Light and Power Plant Note for two thousand dollars due July 15, 1904.

Electric Light and Power Plant Note, voted therefor $2,000.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Selectmen to purchase the playground on Washington street owned by Mr. Kirk Sweetser, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized and instructed to hire a suitable playground, and that they be instructed to appoint a Committee of five to look into the question of a suitable playground and report on the same at the next annual town meeting.

Art. 2. Voted to take from the table.

The Selectmen made a report on the block or district system of assessing estimating the cost at approximately $6000; omitting the swamp and thinly settled sections, for $3000; and a complete plan of streets and buildings in the thickly settled part for $1500. The latter was recommended by them.

Voted to accept report of Selectmen.

The Committee appointed by the Selectmen to report a general plan for the expenditure of the highway appropriation made a report of progress and recommended that the sum of $200 be appropriated from the highway appropriation to buy a modern road machine.

Voted to accept and adopt the recommendation of the Committee and that the Committee be continued.

Art. 2. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars for the purpose of installing the block or district system for assessing purposes in this Town, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 28. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to index the old Town Records, and what instructions they will give the Town Clerk in relation to the same.

Old Town Records to index.

Voted that the sum of $50 be raised and appropriated and that the Town Clerk be instructed to perform the work.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of setting edgestones around the south-easterly part of the Common, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200 for the purpose of setting edgestones around the south-easterly part of the Common.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate sixty-five dollars to lay curbstones on the northerly side of Salem street, formerly Lowell street, against the property of the Old South Church, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to appropriate the sum of $65 from appropriation for Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half) to put edgestones front of the Old South Church, on the northerly side of Salem street, formerly Lowell street.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars for the purpose of constructing a covered drain from a point on Pearl street, near the Town Home, to a point on Charles street, near Harrison street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $750 for the purpose of laying a covered drain from a point on Pearl street, near the Town Home, to Charles or Harrison street.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will assume the charge and keep in repair the drain laid by Walter Gerritson, extending from Deering street through Harriman avenue across Grand street and land of one Robinson, High street, and through land of Jacob W. Man-

ning; also the catch basins connected with said drain, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the Town assume charge of and keep in repair the drain laid by Walter Gerritson, extending from Deering street through Harriman avenue, across Grand street and land of one Robinson, across High street and through land of Jacob W. Manning, also the catch basins connected with said drain.

Art. 33. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to build a wall on the southerly side of ditch from Main street to rear boundary line of the estate of Fred A. Nichols, said ditch being a Town drain, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100 to repair and build a wall on the southerly side of the ditch from Main street to rear boundary line of the estate of Fred A. Nichols, provided a deed of right of way is executed in favor of the Town.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to build a sidewalk on the easterly side of Grove street, from Lowell street to Forest street, and raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars for that purpose. Any expenditure over this amount necessary to complete the work to be taken from the regular highway appropriation, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars to build a sidewalk on Grove street, from Lowell to Forest street.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of grading and putting in good condition the sidewalk on the easterly side of Summer avenue, from the driveway at the estate of the late Oliver Lewis to Main street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to refer the subject matter of this article to the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the

sum of three hundred dollars for the further improvement of the Common, according to plans suggested by the Civic League.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100 for the further improvement of the Common, according to plans suggested by the Civic League.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars toward defraying the expense of band concerts for the coming summer, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Band concerts, voted that the sum of $100 be raised and appropriated for the expense towards band concerts for the present year, 1904.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an inspector of milk.

Voted to pass over.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to meet the expenses of a milk inspector, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 3. Voted to take from the table.

Voted that the Treasurer be instructed to refund that portion of the annual tax which shall exceed the sum of $50, collected from the estate located at 97 and 99 Salem street, while the property is used exclusively as a Home for Orphan Girls.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on table.

Art. 2. Voted to take from the table.

The Selectmen made a report of progress in reference to the subject matter of the Main and Ash street crossings of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and submitted a plan showing how to remedy crossings, and to abolish the tower which operates gates on Main and Ash streets.

Art. 2. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 3. Voted to take from the table.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to petition the County Commissioners to change Ash street so as to abolish Ash street crossing in accordance with a plan submitted by the Boston & Maine Railroad.

Voted that the Board of Engineers be instructed to return to the fire alarm boxes keys which were placed in houses near them.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to offer a reward of not over $500 for the detection of any one ringing in a false alarm from any fire alarm box in this town.

Art. 3. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to place tower strikers on houses of Hose No. 3 and No. 4, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500 to place tower strikers on Hose Houses No. 3 and 4.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars to place a new fire alarm box on Haven street, near the G. A. R. hall, and relocate box 17, near the corner of Prescott and Arlington streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $75 to place a new fire alarm box on Haven street, near G. A. R. hall, and relocate box No. 17, near the corner of Prescott and Arlington streets.

Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of five to look into the cost and advisibility of remodelling the present Town building to accommodate all Town offices, and the building of a new fire station on Town land, east of the Town building, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to appoint a committee of five to look into the cost and advisibility of remodelling the present Town building to accommodate all Town offices and the building of a new fire station on Town land east of the Town building.

Art. 45. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Sec. 78 and Sec. 79 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Laws, relating to the establishment of an association, society or club by the firemen of the Town of Reading.

Voted to accept the provisions of Sec. 78 and Sec. 79 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Laws relating to the establishment of an association, society or club by the firemen of the Town of Reading.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-three and forty one-hundredths dollars to pay the police officers who were on duty at the fair of the Middlesex East Agricultural Association in September, A. D. 1902, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $83.40 to pay the police officers who were on duty at the fair of the Middlesex East Agricultural Association in September, A. D. 1902.

Art. 47. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for a safe for the Town Clerk, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to appropriate the sum of $100 for a safe for the Town Clerk, amount to be expended from the amount raised for Miscellaneous Expenses.

Art. 48. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a day patrolman, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a day patrolman.

Art. 4. Voted to take from the table.

On motion to raise and appropriate the sum of $780 for a day patrolman the motion by vote was declared lost.

Art. 49. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of completing the sidewalk on Oak street, from West street to the estate of Joseph S. Robinson, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to refer to Board of Selectmen.

Art. 50. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Sec. 24, Chapter 32, and Section 9, Chapter 208, of the Revised Laws, which refer to the setting of fires in the open air between the first day of April and the first day of October, and negligently setting fires and not extinguishing same.

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 51. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of Beech street, from Green street to the private way known as Lake avenue, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty dollars for that purpose.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN ON THE LAYING OUT OF THE PRIVATE WAY KNOWN AS BEECH STREET, FROM GREEN STREET TO THE PRIVATE WAY KNOWN AS LAKE AVENUE.

We, the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Reading, after giving due notice to all parties interested, have laid out for the use of the Town as a public way described as follows: Beginning at a stone bound on the southerly side of Green street at land of Oscar Lowando (being Lot No. 68 on Plan of Lake View house lots) then the line runs south 20° 25' east along the line of lands of said Lowando, R. M. Morse and J. A. Swenson five hundred thirty and 75-100 (530.75) feet to the northerly side of a private way called Lake avenue.

Said way is forty-four (44) feet wide and is laid on the easterly side of the above described line and is intended to conform to the red line on a plan of the same made by James A. Bancroft, dated Dec. 1, 1903, which is to be considered a part of this report.

We have estimated the cost of building said town way at one hundred and fifty (150) dollars. No damages being claimed we have allowed none. That any action taken by the Town in the building of the same be taken under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments.

We would recommend that the said way be named Beech street, and when the report is accepted and adopted by the Town the said way shall thereafter be known as a public Town way.

WM. I. RUGGLES,
JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
} Selectmen of Reading.

Reading, Mass., Feb. 6, 1904.

Voted to accept report of Selectmen and adopt their recommendations, and that the sum of $150 be raised and appropriated to complete said street in accordance with their recommendations.

Art. 52. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the repair of the same.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN ON GUIDE POSTS.

Guide Posts, or suitable substitutes therefor, are erected and maintained at the following locations, viz:

Corner Walnut St. and South St.
" Walnut St. and Summer Ave.
" Main St. and Summer Ave.
" Woburn St. and Summer Ave.
" West St. and Summer Ave.
" West St. and Woburn St.
" Lowell St. and Willow St.
" Lowell St. and High St.
" Lowell St. and Middlesex Ave.
" Grove St. and Franklin St.
" Main St. and Franklin St.
" Mill St. and Short St.
" Franklin St. and Haverhill St.
" Charles St. and Haverhill St.
" Haverhill St. and Pine St.
" Pine St. and Salem St.

Corner Charles St. and Pearl St.
" Charles St. and Main St.
" Main St. and Pearl St.
" Main St. and Salem St.
" Salem St. and Lowell St.
" Woburn St. and Lowell St.
" Salem St. and Harnden St.
" Main St. and Pleasant St.
" Pleasant St. and Parker St.
" Haven St. and Village St.
" Main St. and Ash St.
" Main St. on Common.
" Harnden St. near Pleasant St.

WM. I. RUGGLES,
JAS. W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
} Selectmen of Reading.

Reading, Mass., Feb. 13, 1904.

Voted to accept report of Selectmen and adopt their recommendations, and that the sum of $50 be appropriated from amount raised for Miscellaneous Expenses for repairs of guide boards and posts.

Art. 53. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

LIST OF NAMES OF JURORS.

The subscribers, Selectmen of Reading, present the following list of persons, who, in their judgment, are qualified to serve as jurors:

Adams, George E.	Clerk
Babcock, James	Retired
Bacheller, Warren A.	Carpenter
Baker, William B.	Cabinet Maker
Bancroft, Elmer P.	Laborer

Batchelder, Howard W.	Farmer
Beaudry, Charles B.	Organ Pipe Manufacturer
Bessom, Charles F.	Farmer
Bosson, Harry P.	Insurance Agent
Brown, Joseph H.	Laborer
Brown, Samuel	Wheelwright
Carter, George	Laborer
Coney, Walter E.	Shoe Worker
Connelly, John	R. R. Employe
Cook, George W.	Bookkeeper
Cook, Walter F.	Painter
Davis, Arthur E.	R. R. Employe
Eames, Charles B.	Shoe Worker
Eames, Edward B.	Salesman
Eames, George T.	Real Estate
Eames, Leonard T.	Electrician
Eames, Webster	Laborer
Eaton, John H.	Carpenter
Flint, George L.	Carpenter
Foster, Arthur J.	Farmer
Goodwin, Edwin H.	Organ Pipe Manufacturer
Horrocks, George E.	Real Estate
Horton, William R.	Clerk
Jackson, Charles S.	Organ Pipe Manufacturer
Johnson, J. Dana	Shoe Worker
Jones, William H.	Farmer
Kidder, William	Carpenter
Kimball, Charles D.	Machinist
Knight, Edgar M.	Machinist
Krook, Lambertus W.	Cabinet Manufacturer
LaClair, Henry S.	Farmer
Lee, Charles W.	Merchant
Lovejoy, Eugene L.	Merchant
McIntire, Herbert E.	Carpenter
Mack, George	Upholsterer
Manning, Edwin	Clerk

Nichols, Amos C.	Caterer
Oakes, George F.	Engineer
Parker, Asa	Farmer
Parker, Fred A.	Organ Pipe Mgfr.
Parker, Fred H.	Expressman
Parker, Horace A.	Cabinet Maker
Perkins, Alfred	Retired
Plummer, Henry W.	Merchant
Pratt, David W.	Laborer
Pratt, Wilmot K.	Laborer
Runkle, E. Holcombe	Clerk
Sargent, George A.	Shoe Worker
Smith, Benjamin Y.	Organ Pipe Mgfr.
Stinchfield, Charles H.	Machinist
Temple, Warren K.	Shoe Cutter
Wickens, John	Printer
Wyman, Fernando D.	Shoe Worker

Voted to excuse Alden Batchelder, Alfred D. Chandler, William Wallace Davis, Albion G. Nichols, Joseph A. Roberts, Daniel C. Sanborn, Arthur W. Temple.

Voted to add the following names:

Harrison H. Parker	Organ Pipe Worker
Parker Nichols	Farmer
William H. Mears	Merchant
Spencer G. Stewart	Carpenter
Thomas J. White	Retired
Horace E. Eames	Laborer
Chester W. McDougall	Plumber

WM. I. RUGGLES,
JAS. W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
} Selectmen of Reading.

Reading, Feb. 13, 1904.

Voted to accept jurors' list as revised.

Art. 2. Voted to take from the table.

Voted to accept reports of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Town Clerk, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Finance Committee, and Tree Warden, as contained in annual Town Report.

Art. 2. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 3. Voted to take from the table.

Voted that the Selectmen and Superintendent of Streets be instructed to give a reasonable preference in the work on the highways and watering cart to horses employed by the Fire Department.

Voted to adjourn without date.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 12, 1904.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator.

George L. Flint was unanimously elected Moderator.

Art. 2. To see what instructions the Town will give the Town Officers.

Voted that the Selectmen be given full powers to settle the suit against the Town by Morrison for alleged damages on highway.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to put in next warrant an article calling for action on Report of Committee of a Code of Building Laws.

Art. 2. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, the sum of four hundred and fifty ($450.00)

dollars for the purpose of defraying a portion of the expense of construction of a bridge to be built by the Massachusetts Highway Commission at the Reading-North Reading line on Main street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $450 for the purpose set forth in this article.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Sec. 22 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to accept the provisions of Sec. 22 Chapter 25 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will purchase a Street Sprinkler and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred ($500) dollars for watering its public streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred and fifty ($550) dollars for the Police Department, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will amend its By-Laws, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Voted to adjourn sine die.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting, Sept. 26, 1904.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

George L. Flint was unanimously chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. To choose two Surveyors of Lumber for balance of ensuing year.

Chose Edward B. Eames and Warren M. Whitehouse Surveyors of Lumber for remainder of year.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will rescind the action taken at the last annual Town Meeting whereby the Selectmen were instructed to petition the County Commissioners to relocate and lay out Ash street at the point where the Boston & Maine R. R. crosses said Ash street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to rescind action taken at last annual Town Meeting whereby the Selectmen were instructed to petition the County Commissioners to relocate and lay out Ash street at the point where the Boston & Maine R. R. crosses said Ash street.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to cause the Boston & Maine R. R. to discontinue the tower gate house at the Main street and Ash street crossing.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to request the Boston & Maine R. R. officials to remove the tower gate house at the Main street and Ash street crossings, and have the gates of those crossings operated from the ground as formerly, and in case of their refusal to apply to the Railroad Commissioners.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise or otherwise provide and appropriate the sum of $500 to be expended under the direction of the Tree Warden for the purpose of exterminating the Brown Tail Moth, the Gipsy Moth and other injurious pests, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the sum of $500 is hereby appropriated for the purpose set forth in Art. 5, and for the purpose of providing said amount the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to issue under the direction of the Selectmen the note or notes of the Town

not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of $500 at as low a rate of interest as is possible, said money to be used on the trees on the streets and parkways.

51 voted Yes and 6 No.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise or otherwise provide and appropriate the sum of $500 to provide additional exits at the Union Street School ordered by the District Police, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to appropriate the sum of $500 from the General School Fund to carry out the provisions of this article.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will allow L. G. Howard to lay a drain from Manning's Block, so called, along Main street to a point near the Y. M. C. A. Building, under the direction of the Selectmen, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted not to allow L. G. Howard to lay a drain as requested in this article.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Section 103 of Chapter 48 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts.

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Voted to adjourn.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

Proceedings of Town Meeting Held Nov. 8, 1904

State Election

Meeting called to order by James W. Killam, Chairman of Selectmen, presiding Election Officer. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. C. Myers. The Town Clerk then read the warrant and the Constables' return thereon. The following named Election Officers were duly sworn :

Ballot Clerks—George L. Pratt, Wm. H. Perkins, Reuben J. LeFave.

Tellers—Chester C. Richardson, Edward S. Taylor, Charles H. Stinchfield, John Connelly, Bernard I. Granfield, George E. Adams, Clinton L. Newell, Wm. I. Ruggles, Alfred W. Danforth, Charles I. Alger, George E. Horrocks, Spencer G. Stewart, John B. Champney, George F. Barbour.

Names checked as having voted, 1097.

Polls closed at 4 o'clock and 25 minutes P. M.

Ballots cast, 1097.

Result of ballot:

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Corregan and Cox, Socialist Labor	6
Debs and Hanford, Socialist	60
Parker and Davis, Democratic	221
Roosevelt and Fairbanks, Republican	786
Swallow and Carroll, Prohibition	14
Watson and Tibbles, Peoples Party	7
Blanks	53

GOVERNOR

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury	8
John L. Bates of Boston	657
Michael T. Berry of Lynn	4
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton	9
William L. Douglas of Brockton	380
Blanks	39

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Olof Bokelund of Worcester	13
John C. Crosby of Pittsfield	273
Frank P. Dyer of Arlington	13

Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston	704
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke	5
Blanks	39

SECRETARY

James A. Bresnahan of Cambridge	7
Fannie J. Clary of Williamsburg	13
Charles C. Hitchcock of Ware	14
Henry B. Little of Newburyport	194
William M. Olin of Boston	747
Blanks	122

TREASURER

Hubert C. Bartlett of Fitchburg	17
Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke	724
Edmund D. Codman of Boston	203
Andrew Mortensen of Somerville	7
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly	16
Blanks	130

AUDITOR

Charles E. Burnham of Worcester	16
Walter J. Hoar of Worcester	9
Charles Stevens of Plymouth	14
Francis X. Tetrault of Southbridge	194
Henry E. Turner of Malden	730
Blanks	134

ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park	17
John P. Leahy of Boston	174
Herbert Parker of Lancaster	742
John Weaver Sherman of Boston	16

Thomas Stevenson of New Bedford	11
Blanks	137

Representative in Congress, Fifth District

Butler Ames of Lowell	685
Alexander B. Bruce of Lawrence	324
Winfield F. Parker of Lowell	20
Blanks	68

Councillor, Sixth District

John E. Brennan of Malden	19
John F. O'Brien of Lowell	171
Walter Scott Watson of Lowell	723
Blanks	184

Senator, Sixth Middlesex District

Chester W. Clark of Wilmington	738
Peter B. Murphy of Ayer	176
Blanks	183

Representatives in General Court, 28th Middlesex District

George L. Flint of Reading	365
Levi Furbush of Woburn	140
Charles H. Nowell of Reading	742
Herbert S. Riley of Woburn	577
Blanks	370

County Commissioner, Middlesex

Francis Bigelow of Natick	724
Charles F. Drury of Natick	22
James E. Kelley of Wilmington	199
Blanks	152

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS, MIDDLESEX

Laughlin Cameron of Malden	39
Embert E. Hopkins of Cambridge	44
David T. Strange of Stoneham	695
Edward Everett Thompson of Woburn	666
Blanks	750

DISTRICT ATTORNEY, NORTHERN DISTRICT

John J. Devine of Lowell	169
Squire E. Putney of Somerville	20
George A. Sanderson of Ayer	741
Blanks	167

SHERIFF, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Frederick Bancroft of Reading	276
John R. Fairbairn of Cambridge	675
John L. Mulholland of Somerville	17
Blanks	129

The returns of the vote as declared were duly declared as counted and the returns were signed in open Town meeting.

Voted to adjourn.

A true copy of record.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

In accordance with the provisions of Section 257 Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerk of Reading, being the City and Town Clerk of every City and Town

in Representative District number twenty-eight, within said County, met at noon Friday, November eighteenth, 1904, being the tenth day succeeding the day of election held November eighth, 1904, and then and there opened, examined and compared the copies of the records of votes cast at said election for the office of Representative, and determined therefrom that Charles H. Nowell of Reading and Herbert S. Riley of Woburn were elected to the office of Representative.

The following is a schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes for Representative were given in said District, and the number of votes given for each person, viz :

George L. Flint of Reading, twelve hundred eighty-five	1285
Levi Furbush of Woburn, thirteen hundred forty-five	1345
Charles H. Nowell of Reading, seventeen hundred ninety-two	1792
Herbert S. Riley of Woburn, fifteen hundred thirty-four	1534
Defective, two	2
Blanks, sixteen hundred ninety-eight	1698
Whole number of ballots, seventy-six hundred fifty-six	7656

In witness whereof, we, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerk of Reading, hereunto set our hands this eighteenth day of November, A. D. 1904.

JOHN H. FINN, City Clerk, Woburn,
MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk, Reading.

A True Copy of Record.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS MARRIAGES DEATHS

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1904

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUP'N OF FATHER
Jan. 10.	Eva Mae Black	F	Weldon C. and Mary A. (Carver) Black	Farmer
" 12.	Helen M. Cail	F	Frederick W. and Mary E. (McMichael) Cail	Machinist
" 14.	Sarah Ann Frost	F	John E. and Sarah A. (Parker) Frost	Conductor
" 16.	Francis Albert Ray	M	James H. and Lida B. (Nichols) Ray	Com. Merchant
" 20.	Ruth Esther White	F	William and Agnes (White) White	Iceman
" 20.	Stillborn	M		
" 21.	Katherine Doucette	F	James and Mary (Hubbard) Doucette	Shoemaker
" 21.	Bartholemew Carney	M	William and Margaret (Devaney) Carney	Laborer
" 25.	Stillborn			
" 25.	Mary Surette	F	Frank and Mary (Castine) Surette	Laborer
" 26.	Oren Nichols Jones	M	Elmer D. and Helen A. (Lefave) Jones	Expressman
" 28.	Elizabeth Marshall	F	John H. and Mildred A. (Guild) Marshall	Asst. Paymaster
" 30.	Helen Goodwin Day	F	Wm. R. and Elnora J. (Goodwin) Day	Rubber Worker
Feb. 6.	Winslow Evans Kent	M	Frank H. and Frances M. (Looke) Kent	Fireman
" 13.	Earle Wallace Bruorton	M	Charles and Annie (Meredith) Bruorton	Watchman
" 23.	Vera Louise Trott	F	Lemuel R. and Edith C. (Reed) Trott	Salesman
" 25.	John Leon White	M	Peter and Adel Surette	Laborer
Mch. 5.	Franklin W. Kurt	M	Franklin T. and Sarah Kurt	Professor
" 7.	Harold William Timothy	M	William and Zelice (Little) Timothy	Carpenter
" 7.	Geraldine Frances Parkins	F	William E. and Emily (Hill) Parkins	Machinist
" 13.	Philip Douglass Doucette	M	George E. and Grace E. (Robecheau) Doucette	Letter Carrier
" 14.	Ilene May Nickerson	F	Charles F. and Kate (Connell) Nickerson	Carpenter
" 15.	Philip Henry O'Brien	M	William O. and Kate (Sullivan) O'Brien	Engineer
" 16.	Charles Nichols Chase	M	Isaac and Daisy A. (Nichols) Chase	Mechanic
" 21.	Miriam Loring	F	Richard F. and Ada M. (Norton) Loring	Travelling Agent
" 26.	George Edmund White	M	Edmund and Sadie White	Box Maker
" 27.	Stillborn	F		
Apr. 2.	Arthur Henry Stock	M	Herbert G. and Maud A. (Henry) Stock	Brakeman
" 7.	Doris Josephine Cutcliffe	F	James E. and Josephine (Olsen) Cutcliffe	Printer
" 11.	Mary Louise Castine	F	Peter and Mary (Muse) Castine	Teamster
" 12.	Laila May Fowler	F	John W. and Laila M. (Kimball) Fowler	Baggage Master
" 22.	Gladys Viola Borthwick	F	William R. and Henrietta (Skidmore) Borthwick	Driver
" 23.	Herbert Russell Skinner	M	Herman C. and Lubelle F. (Howard) Skinner	Fireman
" 23.	Howard Austin Skinner	M	Herman C. and Lubelle F. (Howard) Skinner	Fireman
May 5.	Paul Frazer Mellen	M	William H. and Annie R. (Melanson) Mellen	Organ Pipe Maker
" 5.	Louis Alexander Doucette	M	Alexander and Rose M. (Muse) Doucette	Stone Mason
" 12.	Irving Lester Morse	M	Merton C. and Lillian E. (Marr) Morse	Fireman
" 16.	Ernest William Meuse	M	Norman and Agnes (Doucette) Meuse	Laborer
" 29.	Helen Annette Livermore	F	Henry L. and Stella G. (Harris) Livermore	Carpenter
" 31.	Madelene Libby	F	Arthur A. and Florence A. (Hunt) Libby	Dentist
" 31.	Alfred Freeman Doucette	M	John Jerome and Mary L. (Magras) Doucette	Shoemaker
June 1.	Frank Carter Harmon	M	Frank B. and Evelyn C. (Frazier) Harmon	Salesman
" 1.	Illegitimate			
" 3.	Edna Marian Saunders	F	Fred A. and Kathryn (Sullivan) Saunders	Carpenter

" 6.	Donald Christie Prentiss	M	Archer R. and Mabel (Thomas) Prentiss	Bookkeeper
" 8.	Phyllis Lucretia Blood	F	Ernest A. and Leora F. (Steele) Blood	Clerk
" 9.	Henry Norwood Howe	M	Charles C. and Laura E. (Borgan) Howe	Telegraph Inspector
" 14.	Stillborn			
" 14.	Edward Doherty	M	Joseph B. and Catherine L. (Cullinane) Doherty	Motorman
" 14.	Carter Kimball Ruggles	M	Walter G. and Juliette (Carter) Ruggles	Sales Agent
" 15.	Thomas Edward Burke	M	John H. and Mary E. (Weber) Burke	Driver
" 18.	Leslie Ervin Keith	M	John J. and Mabel G. (Bowman) Keith	Carpenter
" 27.	Frank Oliver	M	Joseph and Phebe Oliver	Mechanic
July 2.	Ruth Elizabeth Doucette	F	J. Mande and Minnie E. (Fitzpatrick) Doucette	Yard Master
" 2.	Thomas Louis Clement	M	Thomas and Emma (Vacon) Clement	Section Hand
" 2.	Hattie Maria Jeffrey	F	Percy L. and Amy R. (Saunders) Jeffrey	Shipper
" 6.	Helen Stinson Pierpont	F	William P. and Emily M. (Haley) Pierpont	Clerk
" 10.	Clarence Ambrose Froton	M	Ambrose and Annie T. (Muse) Froton	Gardener
" 11.	Edward Desmond	M	Daniel J. and Nora (Driscoll) Desmond	Gardener
" 21.	Elbridge Hall Springford	M	Frederick L. and Mabel F. (Temple) Springford	Bookkeeper
Aug. 1.	Harry Leroy Doucette	M	Simon and Annie (Castine) Doucette	Gardener
" 4.	Effie Louise McNeal	F	Stephen and Agnes (McLean) McNeal	Carpenter
" 5.	Daniel Joseph White	M	John W. and Martha White	Shoemaker
" 10.	Harold Adelbert Hayes	M	Levi W. and Annie E. (Godfrey) Hayes	Engineer
" 18.	Helen Livingstone Hill	F	Fred E. and Leila (Livingston) Hill	Manufacturer
" 28.	Elwin Edward Barclay	M	John A. and Marguerette (Christopher) Barclay	Blacksmith
" 29.	Russell Malcolm Trask	M	Henry A. and Alice (Gildart) Trask	Teamster
Sept. 3.	Vernon Holt Moulton	M	Charles W. and Henrietta M. (Holt) Moulton	Machinist
" 7.	Leo Wilfred Porter	M	Lorey F. and Margaret (Connelly) Porter	Carpenter
" 11.	James Edward Lefave	M	Reuben J. and Annie I. (Surette) LeFave	Carpenter
" 18.	Jane Alice Townsend	F	James and Clara (Chadwick) Townsend	Mechanic
" 23.	Marion Ruth Starke	F	Albin and Martha W. (Feistel) Starke	Tinsmith
" 23.	Murice Tucker Richardson	M	Harry M. and Florence A. (Cann) Richardson	Clerk
Oct. 13.	Elizabeth Ryan Watters	F	William D. and May E. (Keefe) Watters	Waiter
" 13.	Helen Symonds	F	Warren H. and Rose (Benton) Symonds	Boxmaker
" 17.	Frances May Cooper	F	Harry O. and Lizzie A. (O'Brien) Cooper	Clerk
" 25.	Braman Boyd Platts	M	Clifton M. and Marion E. (Boyd) Platts	Bookkeeper
" 29.	Effie Frances Scanlon	F	James and Christie (McLean) Scanlon	Laborer
" 29.	Jessie Lucretia Little	F	Frank P. and Lillian A. (Page) Little	Fireman
Nov. 1.		F	Anthony and Anna (Ingram) Whichland	Boiler Maker
" 3.	Robert Hoffman Blodgett	M	Herbert R. and Cathelena (Hoffman) Blodgett	Insurance
" 4.	Florence May Carr	F	Harry and Rose (Doucette) Carr	Hostler
" 6.	Patrick Thomas Ferrick	M	James and Margaret (Higgins) Ferrick	Section Hand
" 8.	Mary Butters	F	Frank A. and Mabel B. (Jones) Butters	Janitor
" 8.	Marion Butters	F	Frank A. and Mabel B. (Jones) Butters	Janitor
" 21.	Hawthorne Howe Richards	M	Ansel S. and Mary C. (Flint) Richards	Teacher
" 22.	James Leonard Dulong	M	Peter R. and Rosa C. (Froton) Dulong	Conductor
" 22.	Milton Bancroft Viall	M	Herbert M. and Grace V. (Bancroft) Viall	Paymaster
" 25.	Paul Beckett Stevens	M	Frank W. and Sarah C. (Bell) Stevens	Adv. Contractor
" 25.	Mildred Wetherbee Becker	F	William H. and Mabel (Wetherbee) Becker	Salesman
" 25.	Arthur Louis Meuse	M	James H. and Jane (Hubbard) Meuse	Machinist Helper
" 27.	George Joseph Ingalls	M	George J. and Mary H. (Mellen) Ingalls	Organ Pipe Maker

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1904.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAME OF PARENTS.	OCCUP'N OF FATHER.
Dec. 5.	Clarence Leo Dulong	M	John Reuben and Mary (Muse) Dulong	Stone Mason
" 11.	Ralph Webster Richards	M	Minot L. and Millie J. (Webster) Richards	Towerman
" 16.	Grace Florence Stevens	F	Percy L. and Mary (Ticha) Stevens	Farm Hand
" 17.	Richard Timmins Webb	M	Edward and Mira (Timmins) Webb	Machinist
" 18.	Helen Louise Doucette	F	James A. and Elizabeth (Surette) Doucette	Engineer
" 21.	Virginia Burnham	F	W. Franklin and Florence (Jackson) Burnham	Broker
" 29.	Stillborn			Watchman
" 30.	Mary Helen Castine	F	Simon and Lizzie (Muse) Castine	Rubber Worker
" 31.	Walter Asa Knight	M	Walter G. and Mary A. (Parker) Knight	Brakeman
" 31.		M	Eugene F. and Emma L. (Matthews) Knight	
			ADDITIONAL.	
1903				
June 3.	Walter Crosby Shaw	M	Enoch C. and Flora E. (Hill) Shaw	Plumber
May 11.	Muriel Bolton	F	Isaac and Catherine (Murray) Bolton	Machinist
1827				
Dec. 26.	Squire Holt	M	Cleveland B. and Sallie (Robinson) Holt	Shoemaker
1838				
Mar. 19.	George Hammond Parker	M	Samuel and Harriet B. (Allen) Parker	Farmer

Whole number of births, 106; Males, 59; Females, 47. Nativity of parents: Fathers born in United States, 60; Fathers foreign born, 43. Mothers born in United States, 58; Mothers foreign born, 46.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1904

DATE.	NAME OF BRIDE. AND GROOM.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	BIRTHPLACE.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 25.	David H. Nichols	64	Retired	Andover, Mass.	Nathaniel H. and Experience (Morse) Nichols	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
	Annie B. Rice	45	Housekeeper	East Boston, Mass.	Bradford H. and Letitia (Locke) Harlow	
Feb. 4.	John Michilini	49	Contractor	Italy	Dominick and Assunta (Cheapa) Michilini	Thomas A. Walsh, Clergyman 10 Magazine St., Boston, Mass.
	Julia Callahan	34	Housekeeper	Boston, Mass.	John and Julia Kelly Callahan	
" 14.	Archie H. Kirkland	30	Manager	Huntingdon, Mass.	Charles H. and Jane E. (Parsons) Kirkland	John M. Mulcahy, Clergyman 24 Medford St., Arlington, Mass.
	Mary Leonard	28	At Home	Arlington, Mass.	Patrick and Ellen (Cullinane) Leonard	
" 14.	Herbert M. Viall	45	Clerk	New Bedford, Mass.	S. T. and Almira S. (Bosworth) Viall	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
	Grace V. Bancroft	30	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Albert J. and Sarah J. (Mason) Bancroft	
Mar. 9.	George Parker Daniels	21	Conductor	Nova Scotia	Milton P. and Lillian (Boutman) Daniels	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
	Harriet Parker	19	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Asa and Sarah A. (Lythgoe) Parker	
" 16.	Stephen A. Hayes	51	Baker	Norway, Maine.	William and Bithany (Holt) Hayes	William W. Bowers, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
	Annie M. Wolhaupter	42	Necktie Maker	Richmond,N.Br'nsw'k	Charles and Louisa (Oakes) Wolhaupter	
" 30.	Joseph Card	52	Iron Moulder	Windsor, Nova Scotia	Isaac and Louisa (Holden) Card	Abner F. Newcomb, Minister of the Gospel, Roxbury, Mass.
	Ella Ameha Chapman	42	Housework	East Amherst, N. S.	Lewis and Ruth (Allen) Chapman	
April 3.	Henry E. Anderson	24	Salesman	Annapolis,N'va Scotia	Geo. A. and Catherine S. (McKinnon) Anderson	William R. Polhamus, Clergyman Boston, Mass.
	Edith L. Temple	24	At Home	Reading, Mass.	David C. and Maria A. (Kendall) Temple	
" 3.	Fletcher W. Johnson	55	Janitor	Nahant, Mass.	Alfred D. and Emily B. (Barton) Johnson	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
	Mary Louise Johnson Buxton	40	At Home	Lynn, Mass.	Jesse H. and Sarah H. W. (Nelson) Johnson	
" 3.	Charles P. Johnson	19	Telegraph Operator	North Reading, Mass.	Frank L. and Marcella (Colburn) Johnson	Joseph Kugan, Priest Woburn, Mass.
	Mary E. Stygles	19	At Home	Woburn, Mass	George and Bridget O'Donnell Stygles	
" 11.	Joseph Bernard Doherty	24	Conductor	Somerville, Mass.	Hugh W. and Elizabeth (Callahan) Doherty	John D. Colbert, Clergyman Wakefield, Mass.
	Catherine Cullinane	22	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Jeremiah and Catherine (Moynihan) Cullinane	
" 25.	Paul Herman Seifert	37	Hair Dresser	Rockville, Conn.	Herman and Wilhelmina Seifert	Edwin Bromley, Clergyman Providence, R. I.
	Augusta Henning Graff	35	Clerk	New York City, N. Y.	Jacob and Augusta (Henning) Graff	
" 29.	Walter G. Knight	22	Clerk	Roxbury, Mass.	James H. and Mary A. (Pierce) Knight	Frank S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
	Mary A. Parker	20	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Asa and Sarah A. (Lythgoe) Parker	
" 29.	Henry A. Trask	48	Teamster	Jay, Maine.	Jason S. and Sarah (Lawrence) Trask	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
	Alice (Gildart) Mullin	39	Domestic	St. Johns, N. B.	Alfred and Catherine (Blakely) Gildart	
" 30.	Dominique Doucette	63	Stone Mason	Nova Scotia.	John and Madelne (Doucette) Doucette	John D. Colbert, Clergyman Wakefield, Mass.
	Julia Muse Doucette	49	Housework	Nova Scotia.	Arcout and Mary (Doucette) Muse	
May 5.	Henry Conwell Hazzard	29	Attorney at Law	San Diego, California.	George W. and Alice (Curtis) Hazzard	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading, Mass.
	Elsie Webb Clark	24	At Home	Hull, Mass.	Joshua and Hannah (Chadbourne) Clark	
" 13.	Francis P. Hoban	21	Conductor	Winchester, Mass.	John W. and Mary E. (Garvey) Hoban	Thomas P. Evans, Clergyman Billerica, Mass.
	Hilda Lottie Hooper	23	At Home	Lowell, Maine.	Stephen B. and Jessie (McConnell) Hooper	
" 14.	Frederick J. Whiting	43	Journalist	Chester, Penn.	George and Margaret H. (Prichard) Whiting	Charles H. Learoyd, Rector Wakefield, Mass.
	Margaret A. Eaton	28	Journalist	Charlestown, Mass.	Warren E. and Mary G. (Prichard) Eaton	
June 5.	John A. Tavernier	24	Lineman	Cleveland, Ohio.	Frederick and Sophia (Kenirlem) Tavernier	J. A. Crowley, Priest Wakefield, Mass.
	Mary L. Campbell	20	Operator	England.	James and Agnes (Flaherty) Campbell	
" 5.	Alonzo Crowe	29	Printer	Providence, R. I.	William and Mary (Gallager) Crowe	J. A. Crowley, Priest Wakefield, Mass.
	Catherine Mullaney	28	Knitter	Ireland.	Thomas and Mary (Graney) Mullaney	

" 8.	Fred Charles Scott	27	Printer	Reading, Mass.	Addison G. and Leonor (Cordwell) Scott	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Lillian Bell Cobb	28	Forelady	Wakefield, Mass.	Benjamin B. and Sarah M. (Curtis) Cobb	Reading, Mass.
" 10.	August J. Lindquest	31	Clergyman	Sweden, Europe.	Johannus and Kristina (Anderson) Jonson	J. A. Johnson, Minister of the
	Hulda Genevieve Swenson	23	At Home	Sweden, Europe.	Claus J. and Emma C. (Anderson) Swenson	Gospel, Lynn, Mass.
" 15	Stanley Dean Cowperthwaite	27	Secretary	Salem, Mass.	Ambrose R. and Thirza (Brown) Cowperthwaite	William W. Bowers, Clergyman
	Grace May McCrum	23	At Home	Wakefield, Mass.	David and Ellen H. (Bailey) McCrum	Reading, Mass.
" 21.	Henry E. Urann	46	Commission Merchant	Sullivan, Maine.	Joseph L. and Mary C. (Bean) Urann	L. O. Williams, Clergyman
	Helen A. Woods	36	Teacher	Chelsea, Mass.	Edward D. and Mary P. (Ostram) Woods	Stoughton, Mass.
" 22.	Charles F. Emerson	26	Motorman	North Reading, Mass.	Benjamin A. and Laura A. (Brown) Emerson	Maurice A. Levy, Minister of the
	Susan M. Peabody	27	Shoe Stitcher	North Reading, Mass.	James W. and Olive (Symonds) Peabody	Gospel, Medford, Mass.
" 24.	Winthrop E. Pratt	24	Clerk	Reading, Mass.	Frank W. B. and Sarah A. (Weston) Pratt	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Harriet M. Hyde	23	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Edmund A. and Matilda F. (Littlefield) Hyde	Reading, Mass.
" 29.	H. Austin Soule	35	Civil Engineer	So. Abington, Mass.	Henry M. and Eugenia O. (Bates) Soule	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Mary E. Barnes	32	Teacher	Boston, Mass.	Stillman B. and Louise S. (Bartlett) Barnes	Reading, Mass.
" 29.	Leonard A. Frost	22	Salesman	Waltham, Mass.	Clarence A. and Lillian E. (Sherman) Frost	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Alice May Ellenwood	23	Teacher	Reading, Mass.	John S. and Elmira W. (Pemberton) Ellenwood	Reading, Mass.
" 29.	Reuben H. Ober Copeland	53	Merchant	Reading, Mass.	Elbridge and Ruth B. (Mead) Copeland	Frank Parker, Clergyman
	Hattie Safford Harnden	27	Clerk	Reading, Mass.	Charles E. and Caroline E. (Safford) Harnden	Wenham, Mass.
" 29.	Arthur Ellsworth Nichols	25	Commercial Traveller	Reading, Mass.	Richard B. and Josephine A. Cogswell Nichols	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Edith May Sweetser	24	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Kirk and Delia E. (Boyce) Sweetser	Reading, Mass.
July 14.	Donald Campbell	32	Fisherman	Labrador.	Daniel and Lydia (Brooks) Campbell	William W. Bowers, Clergyman
	Anna Elizabeth Burke	25	Housework	Nova Scotia.	Charles and Mary Ann (Burke) Burke	Reading, Mass.
" 19.	Joseph M. Black	40	Jeweler	Pugwash, Nova Scotia	Rufus F and Harriet S. (Parker) Black	Allen A. Bronsday, Clergyman
	Cora A. Nichols	23	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Charles L. and Sarah (Putnam) Nichols	North Attleboro, Mass.
" 25.	William R. Doucette	31	Laborer	Yarmouth, N. S.	Reuben and Madeline (Doucette) Doucette	Denis F. Lee, Priest
	Mary Babine	23	Housework	Nova Scotia.	Michael and Mary (Malonson) Babine	Reading, Mass.
" 28.	Elbert B. Pickens	24	Laundryman	Somerville, Mass.	Lysander W. and Anna E. (Fedeshen) Pickens	William W. Bowers, Clergyman
	Ina L. Eames	22	Stenographer	Melrose, Mass.	Leonard T. and Emily M. (Trull) Eames	Reading, Mass.
Aug. 3.	John C. Anderson	25	Painter	Sweden, Europe.	John and Cristine (Anderson) Anderson	Aug. J. Lindquest, Minister of
	Ellen Eliana Nelson	24	At Home	Sweden, Europe.	Nels T. and Aserina (Johusson) Bengtsson	the Gospel, Woburn, Mass.
" 15.	John L. Doucette	27	Teamster	Yarmouth, N. S.	Casimer and Annie (Froton) Doucette	Azro A. Smith, Clergyman
	Mary J. Babine	29	Housework	Nova Scotia.	Michael and Mary (Malonson) Babine	Reading, Mass.
" 23.	Sydney M. Hodson	24	Freight Clerk	Banbury, England.	Alexander and Eliza (Cleaves) Hodson	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Alice L. DeMerritt	23	At Home	Madbury, N. H.	Charles and Ellen M. (Tuttle) DeMerritt	Reading, Mass.
Sept. 9.	Elmer Burton Holbrook	25	Laborer	Randolph, Mass.	Morton and Cora M. (Hollis) Holbrook	W. C. McAllister, Clergyman
	Lillian Maud Sloane	16	At Home	Stoughton, Mass.	Charles V. and Emily A. (Mann) Sloane	Randolph, Mass.
" 10.	George Henry Munnis	24	Engineer	Cohasett, Mass.	George F. and Mary A. (Cassiday) Munnis	Josiah H. Tilton, Clergyman
	Elsie J. Morse	20	At Home	Newton, Mass.	Richard E. and Rose (McIntire) Morse	Reading, Mass.
" 12.	Edward T. Q. Hodges	23	Druggist	Quincy, Mass.	William A. and Ann M. (Wilson) Hodges	Theodore Irving Reese,
	Margaret J. Graham	19	At Home	East Milton, Mass.	John and Sarah J. (Maxwell) Graham	Clergyman, Milton, Mass.
" 25.	Edgar R. Burchard	27	Express Agent	Boston, Mass.	Thomas A. and Jane (McKinnon) Burchard	Henry D. Stevens, Unitarian
	Annie M. Martin	27	Bookkeeper	New Brunswick.	Gilbert and Bessie (Myers) Martin	Minister, Reading, Mass.
" 28.	William H. M. Milton	27	Salesman	Danvers, Mass.	Henry T. and Lucy F. (Hardwick) Milton	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Annie Carleton	22	At Home	Reading, Mass.	James H. and Lucy M. (Putnam) Carleton	Reading, Mass.
" 28.	Wilbur Starling Sanders	26	Bookkeeper	Newmarket, N. H.	George and Melvina (Bickford) Sanders	W. C. Myers, Minister
	Della Gertrude Morse	22	Stenographer	So. Cushing, Maine.	William H. and Mary E. (Ulmer) Morse	Reading, Mass.
Oct. 2.	Thomas Joseph Quinn	31	Motorman	Lawrence, Mass.	John and Elizabeth (Coran) Quinn	Denis F. Lee, Priest
	Julia M. Corcoran	21	Bookkeeper	Lawrence, Mass.	Patrick and Annie (Brennen) Corcoran	Reading, Mass.
" 5.	Fred Pomeroy Harvey	34	Salesman	Auburndale, Mass.	George D. and Abbie S. (Briggs) Harvey	Henry D. Stevens, Unitarian
	Bertha Fay Drake	22	At Home	Middleport, Ohio.	Edward B. and Luella F. (Dowd) Drake	Minister, Reading, Mass.

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DATE.	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	BIRTHPLACE.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Oct. 11.	Edgar Foster	25	Cashier	Lawrence, Mass.	Joseph W. and Lucy J. (Snell) Foster	George F. Green, Minister of
	Catherine D. McGregor	25	Mender	Glasgow, Scotland.	Moses and Jessie M. (McGregor) McGregor	the Gospel, Lawrence, Mass
" 11.	Charles A. Sullivan	21	Shoe Cutter	Wakefield, Mass.	Charles and Margaret (Walsh) Sullivan	Denis F. Lee, Priest
	Julia A. Ready	19	At Home	Woburn, Mass.	Thomas and Catherine (Corcoran) Ready	Reading, Mass.
" 12.	Charles L. Pease	44	Salesman	Brooklyn, N. Y.	William S. and Julia (Tenbroeck) Pease	W. C. Myers, Minister
	Edna L. Baker	33	Housekeeper	Derby, Vermont.	George A. and Eliza N. B. (Haley) Baker	Reading, Mass.
" 12.	Frank Freeman Patterson	41	Bookkeeper	Boston, Mass.	Samuel and Jennie H. (Ackley) Patterson	W. C. Myers, Minister
	Annie May Robinson	30	Teacher	Bangor, Maine.	Samuel G. and Martha E. (Snow) Robinson	Reading, Mass.
" 16.	Chester B. Laws	21	Clerk	Townsend, Mass.	Byron H. and Hattie M. (Hobart) Laws	Hugh A. Heath, Minister
	Charlotte M. Ramsdell	17	At Home	Stoneham, Mass.	George E. and Ada T. (Greenwood) Ramsdell	Wakefield, Mass.
" 19.	John Herbert Mudgett	30	R. R. Fireman	Lynn, Mass.	Jacob P. and Dorcas (Kezar) Mudgett	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Mary Ellen Jackson	38	At Home	Windham, N. H.	Robert B. and Mary (Fessenden) Jackson	Reading, Mass.
" 20.	Warren Clarence Hannaford	24	Shoemaker	Charlestown, Mass.	Warren T. and Margaret S. (Sutton) Hannaford	William W. Bowers, Clergyman
	Arlene Coffey	23	At Home	Wakefield, Mass.	John V. and Agnes (Lynch) Coffey	Reading, Mass.
" 23.	Calvin P. Atwood	30	Clerk	Orleans, Mass.	Heman F. and Florentina (Linnell) Atwood	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Florence B. Parker	25	Teacher	Reading, Mass.	Walter S. and Belle M. (Badger) Parker	Reading, Mass.
" 23.	Merle P. Field	24	Shipper	Chelsea, Mass.	Frederick M. and Lillian F. (Hutchins) Field	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Mabel Sellers	25	Clerk	Penobscot, Maine.	Jerome and Emma (Wight) Sellers	Reading, Mass.
" 25.	Alton Warren Frost	22	Candy Maker	Monmouth, Maine.	Chester A. and Flora D. (Ladd) Frost	Albert L. Wyman, Justice of the
	Elizabeth Chandler Goodhue	20	At Home	Wakefield, Mass.	Charles B. and Mary L. (Carey) Goodhue	Peace, Boston, Mass.
Nov. 6.	Wm. James Turner, Jr.	20	Machinist	Chester, Maine.	William J. and Helen F. (Grace) Turner	Denis F. Lee, Priest
	Ella May Rossell	17	At Home	Rutland, Vt.	John R. and Annie C. (Boyer) Rossell	Reading, Mass.
" 13.	Theodore Surette	34	Painter	Hillbrook, N. S.	Michael and Mary (Clement) Surette	Denis F. Lee, Priest
	Jessie Muse	24	Housework	Yarmouth, N. S.	Cyril and Elizabeth (Muse) Muse	Reading, Mass.
" 16.	Ethelbert Chase Field	21	Mechanic	Chelsea, Mass.	Frederick M. and Lillian (Hutchins) Field	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Florence Ethel Killam	22	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Phineas S. and Florence E. (Gould) Killam	Reading, Mass.
" 20.	Francis Henry Dewey, Jr.	24	Salesman	Reading, Mass.	Frank H. and Augusta (Hawes) Dewey	J. J. Lyons, Priest
	Mary T. Humphrey	27	Milliner	Wakefield, Mass.	Michael T. and Hannah (Lyons) Humphrey	Malden, Mass.
" 22.	Frank G. Stiles	23	Fireman	Lynn, Mass.	Josiah G. and Nellie M. (Hunt) Stiles	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Etta E. Johnson	22	Stitcher	North Reading, Mass.	Frank L. and Marcella (Coburn) Johnson	Reading, Mass.
" 24.	Ernest C. Alward	32	Grocery Clerk	Havelock, N. B.	Isaac M. and Helen (McMonagle) Alward	W. C. Myers, Minister
	Alice M. Stewart	29	At Home	Moncton, N. B.	Spencer G. and Margaret A. (Boyd) Stewart	Reading, Mass.
Dec. 5.	Lyman Poor Bryant	66	Mechanic	Lowell, Mass.	Hosea B. and Mary A. (Poor) Bryant	Henry D. Stevens, Unitarian
	Caroline Jones	51	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Jonathan B. and Caroline [Nichols] Jones	Minister, Reading, Mass.
" 12.	Samuel Adams Crosby	30	Fireman	Welchville, Maine.	Jerry S. and Annie [Washburn] Crosby	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
	Gladys Amelia Pierce	20	At Home	Freeport, Maine.	George M. and Louisa [Chase] Pierce	Reading, Mass.
" 21.	Geo. H. Mills	33	Barber	St. George, N. B.	John and Elizabeth Corver Mills	J. M. Remick, Clergyman
	Alma G. Shaw	25	At Home	Bath, N. B.	Joseph L. and Elizabeth C. Phillips Shaw	Haverhill, Mass.
" 25.	Robert H. Hannaford	32	Painter	Boston, Mass.	Warren T. and Margaret [Sutton] Hannaford	Nathan Bailey, Minister of the
	Florence Lillian Roberts	23	At Home	Somerville, Mass.	George A. and Mary M. [Restell] Roberts	Gospel, Peabody, Mass.
" 31.	Alfred Elmer Goodwin	28	Organ Pipe Worker	Middleton, Mass.	Benjamin F. and Jennie [Richardson] Goodwin	William W. Bowers, Clergyman
	Mary Caroline Randall	28	Stenographer	Bayfield, N. S.	James and Mary C. [Hurlburt] Randall	Reading, Mass.

Whole No. of Marriages, 66; Nativity of persons married: born in United States: Males, 50; Females, 50. Nativity of persons married born out of United States: Males, 16: Females, 16.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1904.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			PARENTS OR HUSBAND.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan. 4	Asa M. Cook	80	1	19	Jacob and Keziah (Hubbard) Cook	Endocarditis
" 5	Hollis A. Morrill	73	4	24	John and Pamelia (Pinkham) Morrill	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 5	Mary Austin	85	8	7	John Austin (husband)	Arterio Sclerosis
" 8	William Francis Barrett	38	10	8	Patrick and Hnnah (Sullivan) Barrett	Tuberculosis of Lungs
" 11	Sarah D. Caulfield	77	1	16	Anthony and Elizabeth (Perkins) Caulfield	Bronchial Pneumonia
" 13	Katherine W. Barrows	45	—	—	Herbert Barrows (husband)	Appendicitis, Surgical shock
" 14	Priscilla Richardson	66	11	14	Loammi G. Richardson (husband)	Myocarditis
" 15	Annie M. Dulong	28	—	—	Enos Dulong (husband)	Tuberculosis of Lungs
" 16	Stillborn					
" 25	Stillborn					
" 29	Carrie G. Bosson	43	5	9	Frederick M. Bosson (husband)	Intestinal Paralysis
" 30	George Leroy Smith	77	9	—	Silas and Polly (Parker) Smith	General Paresis
Feb. 8	Ambrose Froton	33	6	4	Sewell and Julia (Croton) Froton	Endocarditis
" 10	William Ellis	66	—	—	William and Mary Ellis	R. R. Accident
" 13	Jennie Casey	84	10	3	Oliver Casey (husband)	Old Age
" 23	Charles P. Skinner	65	—	—	Caleb and Mary A. (Putnam) Skinner	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 29	Deborah Williams	72	—	—	Joseph F. Williams (husband)	Cancer of Stomach
Mar. 5	William Carter	75	7	—	Samuel and Nancy (Chute) Carter	General Paresis
" 12	Jonathan H. Jennings	63	2	4	Elijah and Eliza (Hardy) Jennings	Raynauds Disease
" 13	Elizabeth Sampson	75	6	6	Galen A. Sampson (husband)	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 25	Marion W. Buck	4	7	10	Horace S. and Eva H. (Haley) Buck	Acute Nephritis
" 26	Jesse E. Burns	21	—	—	Jessie and Annie (Hall) Burns	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
" 26	Ida Vivian Wellman		4	27	Albert L. and Jemima (McWade) Wellman	Convulsions
" 27	Stillborn					
Apr. 10	Edward T. Pendergrace	77	10	—	Edward and Ruth (Small) Pendergrace	Dilation of Heart
" 12	Eliza J. Beers	60	6	—	Reuben L. Beers (husband)	Uremia
" 12	Adeline E. Holman	66	—	—	Unknown	General Paralysis
" 17	Lois B. Hunnewell	10	3	25	Frank S. and Leonice B. (Barnes) Hunnewell	Scarlet Fever
" 18	Rachel L. Strout	43	6	8	Frank F Strout (husband)	Empyema
" 19	Margaret Corcoran	24	—	—	John and Mary (Sullivan) Corcoran	Tuberculosis of Kidneys
" 21	Nellie M. Dustin	58	—	—	Stephen F. Dustin (husband)	Carcinoma of Uterus
" 24	Mary A. Russell	69	1	17	Robert and Mary (Boyd) Russell	Cerebral Hemorrhage
May 4	Sarah D. Eaton	82	11	23	Eben B. Eaton (husband)	Congestion of Lungs
" 10	Herbert Russell Skinner	—	—	17	Herman C. and L. Francis (Howard) Skinner	Premature Birth
" 11	Samuel Martin Nesmith	77	1	22	Jacob M. and Margaret (Dinsmore) Nesmith	Pulmonary Œdema
" 13	Jessie Holland	93	—	—	William and Ann (Bustin) Holland	Myorcarditis Senility
" 17	Robert E. Dulong		9	25	Enos and Annie M. (Leatzsch) Dulong	Tuberculosis
" 17	Clarence Ambrose Froton	1	4	—	Ambrose and Mary (Tracy) Froton	Meningitis
" 18	Marcella Woods	83	5	—	James Woods (husband)	Apoplexy
" 22	Mary P. Goodwin	75	1	11	Samuel Goodwin (husband)	Old Age
" 26	Sophia R. Kendall	66	6	6	David Kendall (husband)	Unknown
June 1	John E. Lovejoy	78	6	23	Jonathan and Sarah (Willoughby) Lovejoy	Chronic Bronchitis
" 5	Nicholas Mason	78	2	30	Daniel and Mercy (Rand) Mason	Unknown
" 7	Charles H. Champney	62	9	29	Charles C. and Jane (McIlrn) Champney	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 8	Alice R. Gallant	24	5	8	Joseph Gallant (husband)	Phthisis

"	12	Hannah Watkins Towns	72	3	—	Charles Towns (husband)	General Paresis
"	14	Stillborn					
"	17	Harriet Wilkins	83	3	13	Richard D. Wilkins (husband)	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	25	Henry W. Casey	24	2	3	Daniel and Delia (Lynch) Casey	Phthisis
"	27	Erastus Knight	67	5	—	Peter and Emma (Ricker) Knight	Diabetis
"	27	Joseph H. Gleason	89	11	21	Joseph and Lucy (Bancroft) Gleason	Myocarditis
"	30	Orlando Ames	76	—	7	Rufus and Sophia (Ballou) Ames	Mitral Incompetency
July	1	Sarah M. Damon	61	2	15	Elias and Esther (Austin) Damon	Dilation of Heart
"	7	William Austin	50	—	—	Unknown	Acute Alcoholism
"	17	Marion W. Litchfield	4	10	12	George S. and Cora M. (Kidder) Litchfield	Chronic Brights Disease
"	25	Saphronia R. Roberts	82	11	12	Jacob W. Roberts (husband)	Embolism
Aug.	4	Mary E. Turner	62	3	13	George E. and Sally (Briton) Turner	Acute Gastritis
"	5	Julia F. Hutchins	79	7	—	Luther Hutchins (husband)	Dysentery
"	11	George H. Wiggin	63	—	13	True and Martha (Marshall) Wiggin	Angina Pectoris
"	15	Annie E. Hanscomb	49	—	14	Herbert H. Hanscomb (husband)	Angina Pectoris
"	20	Frank A. Brown	62	3	8	Sarah Brown (wife)	Phthisis
"	21	Arthur Page	—	1	—	Unknown	Infantile Convulsions
"	22	Harry Twombly Dane	3	4	12	Harry L. and Grace S. (Twombly) Dane	Meningitis
"	24	Alice D. Eames	27	3	11	Charles B. and Eliza A. (Danforth) Eames	Phthisis
"	30	Mary Ella Leslie	26	8	—	John W. Leslie (husband)	Phthisis Pulmonalis
Sept.	1	Adelaide Grace Chase	34	—	6	John E. Chase (husband)	Phthisis Pulmonalis
"	2	Samuel Goodwin	80	11	15	Daniel and Charlotte (Wentworth) Goodwin	Myocarditis
"	7	Clarence Ambrose Froton	—	1	26	Ambrose and Annie T. Froton	Cholera Infantum
"	13	Martha A. Carll	61	10	6	Lindorf H. Carll (husband)	Pleura Pneumonia
"	15	John H. Daland	81	—	—	John H. and Sarah (Ring) Daland	Cerebral Softening
"	16	Jacob W. Manning	78	6	26	Soloman and Mary (Fletcher) Manning	Lobar Pneumonia
"	23	Charles L. Wiggin	40	2	9	John L. and Mary A. (Berry) Wiggin	Cancer of Breast
"	24	Edward Doherty	—	3	10	Joseph B. and Kathrine L. (Cullinane) Doherty	Marasmus
Oct.	4	Nathan D. Stoodley	81	6	25	Nathan D. and Ann (Hodgdon) Stoodley	Cancer of Stomach
"	5	Rowena P. Hanson	77	4	4	John L. Hanson (husband)	Pneumonia
"	20	Helen M. Sherman	70	6	12	William H. Sherman (husband)	Cancer of Breast
"	21	Edmund White	36	—	19	Alexander and Rose White	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
"	26	George W. Grouard	82	2	19	Ephraim and Maria (Corson) Grouard	Cancer of Stomach
Nov.	5	Antonio Enos	6	—	6	Antonio and Annie G. (DeOlivie) Enos	Tubercular Meningitis
"	7	Lavinia M. Carter	68	—	9	Charles and Eunice (Weston) Carter	Accidental Hemorrhage
"	8	Caroline Phipps	78	2	18	William S. and Phebe (Carter) Phipps	Dropsy
"	18	Herbert W. Broad	37	8	23	Nathaniel W. and Mary E. (Luce) Broad	Pyaemia
"	20	Edward Augustus White	—	3	9	William H. and Agnes White	Membraneous Croup
"	24	Amos Damon	90	5	24	Amos and Nancy (Standish) Damon	Entero Colitis
"	26	James Reid	80	8	21	William and Anne (Parker) Reid	Bronchitis
Dec.	6	Jonathan B. Shute	79	11	8	Jonathan and Elizabeth Plummer Shute	Pericarditis
"	21	Christina Ridder	100	2	2	Hendrick and Christina (Preeze) Ridder	Pneumonia
"	22	S. Quincy Brown	24	6	6	Samuel and Josephine P. (Pierce) Brown	Phthisis Pulmonalis
"	25	Jennie B. Manning	36	8	17	William H. Manning (husband)	Acute General Paralysis
"	29	Stillborn					
"	30	Catherine Whitmore	88	1	6	Nelson Whitmore (husband)	Broncho Pneumonia

Whole number of deaths, 91; Males, 46. Females, 45; Born in United States, 76; Born out of the United States, 15; Males born out of the United States, 4; Females, 11; Males born in United States, 42; Females, 33.

DOGS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR 1904.

Whole number of licenses issued . . .			264
234 Males at $2.00	$468 00		
29 Females at $5.00	145 00		
1 Kennel License	25 00		
	$638 00		
Less fees for 264 Licenses	52 80		
		$585	20
June 1, 1904, paid County Treasurer . .	$285 00		
Dec. 1, 1904, paid County Treasurer . .	298 40		
		583	40
Balance in Town Clerk's hands . . .		1	80
		$585	20
Number of dogs as returned by the Assessors to Town Clerk:			
Males	249		
Females	29		
			278
Number of dogs licensed by me not returned by Assessors			27
Total reported for license			305
Whole number licensed	264		
Killed and left town	41		
			305

MILLARD F. CHARLES,
Town Clerk.

December 31, 1904.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading:

Your Board of Selectmen herewith submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904.

Department of Streets

The Highway Department, which is an important branch of the Town's work, has received our earnest attention. Early in the season a new road machine was purchased which has given very good results in general road work as well as in levelling off snow.

A stone crusher temporarily located in our Town made it possible to purchase 1000 tons of crushed stone at a price which seemed very advantageous to the Town. We have macadamized Haven Street for a distance of 754 feet, 15 feet wide and 6 inches thick, at a total cost of $814.47.

This cost includes the rebuilding of Woburn Street, from Sanborn Street to a point midway between Bancroft Avenue and Chute Street, with the material taken out of Haven Street.

We recommend that the macadam road-building be continued and that a steam roller be purchased in order that our road work may be done to the best advantage.

The work on Beech Street has been completed, the street put in good condition, and a sidewalk made on each side. This is in accordance with instructions received at the annual Town meeting.

The sidewalk on the north side of Summer Avenue has been built and the wall in the Town drain in the Nichols estate has been completed.

Pearl Street Drain

Upon investigation it seemed inadvisable to build the Pearl Street drain. It was impossible to get a right of way across the adjoining land and there was not sufficient appropriation to lay a covered drain through Pearl and Charles Streets to the ditch.

We recommend the same amount ($750) be appropriated for the purpose of taking care of the water on Pearl Street.

The sidewalk on Grove Street has not been constructed as the street lines are very irregular and a petition was received from residents of Grove Street and vicinity praying that the street lines be established on that portion of Grove Street, between Lowell Street and Forest Street. The petitioners have been heard and we will present a report in regard to the same at the next annual meeting.

Elevated Tower at the Main and Ash Street Crossing

In accordance with the vote passed at the annual Town meeting a petition signed by the Selectmen and others was sent to the Middlesex County Commissioners requesting that Ash Street be relocated in such a manner as to bring it into Main Street at the Crossing. At the hearing which was held at the Reading station so much opposition to the plan developed that it seemed best to the County Commissioners to again refer the matter to the Town.

A special meeting was held Sept. 26, 1904, and in accordance with instructions received at that time your Board has by correspondence and conference endeavored to have the gatemen replaced on the ground. Having failed to accomplish this we have petitioned the R. R. Commissioners.

Law Suit Against the Town

The suit of the Middleton Paper Mills vs. Town of Reading is still in the hands of our Attorney.

Playground

In accordance with instructions received, that we secure a

suitable field for a playground, we have leased the same field that was used last year. The conditions of the lease remain the same.

The financial statements concerning the various departments will be found in the following pages, and to these we invite your earnest attention.

JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
HENRY R. JOHNSON,
} Selectmen of Reading.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		$3,600 00
EXPENDED		
M. F. Charles, Town Clerk, Jan. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904	$75 00	
W. I. Ruggles, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Jan. 1, 1904, to March 1, 1904	50 00	
Jas. W. Killam, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Jan. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904	291 67	
O. L. Akerley, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Jan. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904	250 00	
H. R. Johnson, salary Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, Mar. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904	208 33	
E. F. Parker, Treasurer, 1904 . . .	400 00	
E. F. Parker, Assessor, 1904 . . .	250 00	
J. H. Adden, Assessor, 1904 . . .	250 00	
M. F. Charles, Assessor, 1904 . . .	250 00	
M. F. Charles, Clerk Board of Registrars, Jan. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904 . .	40 00	
Owen McKenney, Registrar, Jan. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904	30 00	
Amount carried forward	$2,095 00	$3,600 00

Amount brought forward	$2,095 00	$3,600 00
W. S. Prentiss, Registrar, Jan. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904	30 00	
W. M. Scott, Registrar, Jan. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904	30 00	
W. S. Kinsley, salary Electric Light Commissioner, Oct., 1903	6 25	
W. S. Kinsley, salary Electric Light Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1904, to Oct. 31, 1904	62 50	
C. W. Lee, salary Electric Light Commissioner, March 1, 1903, to March 1, 1904	75 00	
Geo. L. Flint, salary Electric Light Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904	75 00	
W. F. Cook, salary Electric Light Commissioner, March 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904	62 50	
H. R. Johnson, salary Water Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904	75 00	
E. H. Gowing, salary Water Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904	75 00	
Geo. A. Shackford, salary Water Commissioner, Dec. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1904	81 25	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1902	88 68	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1903	139 68	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1904	426 74	
E. N. Hunt, Auditor, 1903	33 33	
Geo. H. Clough, Auditor, 1903	33 33	
A. P. Dane, Auditor, 1903	33 33	
H. L. Dane, Auditor, 1902	33 33	
F. D. Merrill, Sec'y Board of Health, 1904	50 00	
C. H. Playdon, Board of Health, 1903	25 00	
Geo. L. Flint, Board of Health, 1904	25 00	
Geo. L. Flint, Moderator, March 7, 1904, May 12, 1904, Sept. 26, 1904	20 00	
Unexpended	24 08	
	$3,600 00	$3,600 00

TOWN BUILDING AND OFFICE

Appropriation		$400 00
EXPENDED		
C. M. Barrows & Co., order book . .	$ 12 75	
Hobbs & Warren Co., ledger and supplies	6 15	
F. W. Barry, Beal & Co., supplies . .	70	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies	2 00	
M. F. Charles, supplies	11 60	
Thomas Groom & Co., tax record book .	11 00	
Jas. W. Killam, part payment flag Town Building	3 00	
H. Prentiss, Postmaster, postage stamps .	20 00	
Municipal Light Board, electric light and supplies	109 95	
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel, 1904 . . .	218 50	
American Ex. Co., expressing . . .	1 65	
Cummings Ex., expressing . . .	11 95	
Reading Water Works, water rates . .	10 56	
L. T. Eames, labor and supplies . .	3 82	
W. N. Gray, repairing roof . . .	19 20	
T. C. Fife, labor and supplies . . .	9 75	
F. A. Butters, bulletin board . . .	1 60	
Overdrawn		54 18
	$454 18	$454 18

PRINTING

Appropriation		$700 00
EXPENDED		
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, Town Reports, 1903	$382 80	
Amount carried forward	$382 80	$700 00

Amount brought forward	$382 80	$700 00
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, extra copies Water, Light and School Reports	33 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, miscellaneous printing	272 82	
Wakefield Daily Item, dog licenses, posters, and Assessors' returns	6 00	
Hobbs & Warren Co., Collector's warrants	4 55	
Unexpended	83	
	$700 00	$700 00

ELECTION EXPENSES

Appropriation		$300 00
EXPENDED		
Lyceum Hall Ass'n, rent of hall for caucuses, annual Town election, registration of voters and State election, 1904	$24 00	
Masonic Temple Corp., rent of hall, March 7, 14 and Sept. 26	33 00	
J. H. Orr, services at election, March 7	2 50	
Robert Powers, services at election, March 7, 14 and Nov. 8	8 13	
M. F. Charles, supplies	1 05	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, fixtures	75	
F. A. Butters, labor on booths	1 00	
Geo. L. Pratt, ballot clerk, March 7 and Nov. 8, 1904	10 00	
Wm. H. Perkins, ballot clerk, March 7 and Nov. 8, 1904	10 00	
Reuben J. Lefave, ballot clerk, Nov. 8, 1904	5 00	
Amount carried forward	$95 43	$300 00

Amount brought forward	$95 43	$300 00
Chas. C. Wright, teller, March 7	5 00	
Geo. E. Adams, teller, March 7 and Nov. 8, 1904	10 00	
John Connelly, teller, Nov. 3, 1903, March 7 and Nov. 8, 1904	15 00	
Robert A. Carter, teller, March 7, 1904	5 00	
Horace E. Eames, teller, March 7, 1904	5 00	
C. W. McDougal, teller, March 7, 1904	5 00	
A. W. Danforth, teller, March 7 and Nov. 8, 1904	10 00	
C. L. Newell, teller, March 7 and Nov. 8, 1904	10 00	
A. W. Temple, teller, March 7, 1904	5 00	
Henry S. LaClair, teller, March 7, 1904	5 00	
F. A. Bessom, teller, March 7, 1904	5 00	
W. S. Kinsley, teller, March 7, 1904	5 00	
Chas. H. Stinchfield, teller, Nov. 8, 1904	5 00	
E. S. Taylor, teller, Nov. 8, 1904	5 00	
W. I. Ruggles, teller, Nov. 8, 1904	5 00	
J. W. Killam, teller, Nov. 8, 1904	5 00	
J. B. Champney, teller, Nov. 8, 1904	5 00	
C. I. Alger, teller, Nov. 8, 1904	5 00	
B. I. Granfield, teller, Nov. 8, 1904	5 00	
Geo. F. Barbour, teller, Nov. 8, 1904	5 00	
O. L. Akerley, teller, Nov. 8, 1904	5 00	
H. R. Johnson, teller, Nov. 8, 1904	5 00	
Geo. E. Horrocks, teller, Nov. 8, 1904	5 00	
C. C. Richardson, teller, Nov. 8, 1904	5 00	
S. G. Stewart, teller, Nov. 8, 1904	5 00	
Unexpended	54 57	
	$300 00	$300 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Appropriation		$1,500 00
Received State Aid of Helen M. Sherman for Oct., 1904		4 00

EXPENDED

Helen M. Sherman, fuel, rent and medical attendance	$171 50	
Susan M. Penney, supplies	72 00	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde, supplies	24 00	
Charlotte A. Matthews, supplies	53 00	
Janet C. Varney, supplies	48 00	
Kate V. Norris, supplies	98 84	
Chas. H. Champney, fuel, groceries, nurse and medical attendance	219 71	
John H. Jennings, fuel, groceries, nurse and medical attendance	188 02	
Sarah A. Deadman, groceries	102 47	
B. F. McAllister, supplies	96 00	
Marcus M. Bancroft, fuel	33 25	
Marcella Woods, supplies	10 00	
Albert H. Whitman, supplies	6 35	
Unexpended	380 86	
	$1,504 00	$1,504 00

PAID ACCOUNT TOWN OF NORTH READING

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT

Amount due from Town of North Reading		$77 50

EXPENDED

Mrs. Fred C. McIntire, rent and fuel	$77 50	
	$77 50	$77 50

BURIAL AGENT'S ACCOUNT

Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts		$70 00
EXPENDED		
Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses of John H. Jennings	$35 00	
Ephraim Wight, for burial expenses of Chas. H. Champney	35 00	
	$70 00	$70 00

DECORATION AND CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation		$175 00
EXPENDED		
Veteran Post 194, G. A. R. . . .	$175 00	
	$175 00	$175 00

ELECTRIC LIGHTS G. A. R. HALL

Appropriation		$50 00
EXPENDED		
Veteran Post 194, G. A. R. . . .	$50 00	
	$50 00	$50 00

STATE AND MILITARY AID

Appropriation		$2,800 00
EXPENDED		
Wm. H. Baker	$48 00	
Marietta Baker	48 00	
Marcus M. Bancroft	48 00	
Eben B. Bickford	72 00	
Sarah J. Bickford	20 00	
Emmons Buck	72 00	
Julia Buck	48 00	
Lydia R. Bryden	48 00	
Edmund Buxton	48 00	
Reuben R. Coates	48 00	
John H. Corrie	48 00	
John Damon	48 00	
Ellen M. Damon	48 00	
Sarah A. Deadman	48 00	
Eliza W. DeRonde	48 00	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde	48 00	
Harriet Dow	48 00	
Ida F. Flanders	48 00	
Chas. C. Frost	48 00	
Jennie H. Gould	48 00	
Mary Gowing	48 00	
Samuel Goodwin	36 00	
Mary P. Goodwin	20 00	
Jonathan Heselton	36 00	
Richmond Heselton	72 00	
R. Melissa Hollis	48 00	
Wm. A. Hunter	48 00	
Merrill Hutchinson	8 00	
Wm. L. Jones	48 00	
Amount carried forward	$1,344 00	$2,800 00

Amount brought forward	$1,344 00	$2,800 00
Clara A. Leathe	48 00	
Gustavus Loring	24 00	
Sarah J. Mason	48 00	
Cora T. Marshall	40 00	
Charlotte A. Mathews	48 00	
Mary McIntire	48 00	
Chas. W. Milbery	58 00	
Ansel Nickerson	72 00	
Kate V. Norris	48 00	
Clarkson Parker	48 00	
Edmund B. Parker	44 00	
Margaret Pinkham	48 00	
Susan M. Richardson	48 00	
Henry F. Scruton	48 00	
Julia A. E. Smith	48 00	
Helen M. Sherman	40 00	
Geo. Thayer	48 00	
Roxanna C. Underwood	48 00	
Eliza J. Upton	48 00	
Janet C. Varney	48 00	
Geo. A. W. Vinall	52 00	
Daniel H. Wadlin	60 00	
Josephine Watts	48 00	
Geo. W. Wiggin	32 00	
Marcella Woods	20 00	
To be paid by the Commonwealth	$2,506 00	

MILITARY AID

Henry Batchelder (one-half to be paid by the Commonwealth)	$ 49 00	
Unexpended	245 00	
	$2,800 00	$2,800 00

ACCOUNT CHAS. L. HAAG

Due from Chas. L. Haag . . .		$77 54
EXPENDED		
Chas. L. Haag, supplies	$77 54	
	$77 54	$77 54

RENT OF PLAYGROUND

(No appropriation)

Kirk Sweetser, rent from Oct. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1904	$427 00

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(No appropriation)

EXPENDED

Arthur Lord, Attorney for Commonwealth, in settlement of judgment entered for the support of Henry H. Norwell at Danvers Insane Hospital . . .	$1,000 00

CARE AND IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON AND PARKS

Appropriation		$150 00
EXPENDED		
Orne Green, labor	$51 50	
Geo. E. Gill, repairing seats . . .	3 75	
Walter F. Cook, painting seats . .	10 00	
J. Frank Ames, labor	1 50	
Jas. McKenney, labor	97	
Jas. A. Bancroft, survey for edgestones .	7 50	
Reading Water Works	12 00	
Unexpended	62 78	
	$150 00	$150 00

EDGESTONES AROUND COMMON

(Southeasterly Portion)

Appropriation		$200 00
EXPENDED		
John Muse, edgestones and setting same .	$196 66	
Unexpended	3 34	
	$200 00	$200 00

READING HOME FOR AGED WOMEN

Appropriation		$75 00
EXPENDED		
Reading H. A. W., cash, electric lights and water rates, 1904	$75 00	
	$75 00	$75 00

SWAN ESTATE

Amount received from rent . .		$108 00
EXPENDED		
Repairs, water rates, etc.	$22 76	
Net income	85 24	
	$108 00	$108 00

IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON (CIVIC LEAGUE)

Appropriation		$100 00
EXPENDED		
Boston & Maine R. R., freight on edgestones	$15 98	
Lovejoy Granite Co., edgestones . .	71 98	
A portion of expense setting edgestones .	12 04	
	$100 00	$100 00

WALL SOUTHERLY SIDE OF DRAIN THROUGH LAND OF FRED A. NICHOLS

Appropriation		$100 00
EXPENDED		
John Muse, laying wall	$75 00	
Jas. A. Bancroft, survey	3 75	
Unexpended	21 25	
	$100 00	$100 00

BAND CONCERTS

Appropriation		$100 00
EXPENDED		
Fred Wallace, Mgr., expense of band .	$100 00	
	$100 00	$100 00

READING WATER WORKS

Appropriation		$6,990 00
Amount raised by taxation . .		7,000 00
EXPENDED		
Reading Water Works, service pipes .	$1,000 00	
" " " street sprinkler .	500 00	
" " " drinking fountains	300 00	
" " " hydrant rentals .	4,890 00	
" " " repairs . .	300 00	
Edward F. Parker, Treas., reduction of water loan, water bonds 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 163, 164 paid by him . . .	7,000 00	
	$13,990 00	$13,990 00

MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

Appropriation		$11,680 00
Amount raised by taxation		1,000 00

EXPENDED

Municipal Light Board, arc lights	$8,280 00	
E. F. Parker, Treas., note paid by him	1,400 00	
E. F. Parker, Treas., note paid by him	2,000 00	
E. F. Parker, Treas., Bond No. 10 issued 1894 paid by him	1,000 00	
	$12,680 00	$12,680 00

INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS

Appropriation		$1,240 00

EXPENDED

E. F. Parker, Treas., coupons 1904 paid by him	$1,240 00	
	$1,240 00	$1,240 00

INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES

Appropriation		$312 50

EXPENDED

J. A. Howard	$ 81 25	
Chas. W. Ranlet	40 00	
Robert Ranlet	40 00	
J. A. Howard	81 25	
E. F. Parker, Treas., interest paid by him	175 00	
Overdrawn		105 00
	$417 50	$417 50

SCHOOL HOUSE NOTE

Appropriation		$2,000 00
EXPENDED		
E. F. Parker, Treas., note paid by him .	$2,000 00	
	$2,000 00	$2,000 00

SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS

Amount raised by taxation . .		$2,000 00
EXPENDED		
E. F. Parker, Treas., Bonds Nos. 10 and 11 issue Aug. 1st, 1895	$2,000 00	
	$2,000 00	$2,000 00

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING LOT

Amount raised by loan . . .		$8,000 00
EXPENDED		
Adelaide M. Sheak for lot . . .	$8,000 00	
	$8,000 00	$8,000 00

INTEREST

Appropriation		$900 00
Amount received from First National Bank on deposits . . .		131 51
Amount carried forward		$1,031 51

Amount brought forward		$1,031 51
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Collector, 1902		865 57
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Collector, 1903		830 87
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Collector, 1904		103 98

EXPENDED

Interest on temporary loans	$2,171 49	
Interest on Haven and Main Street Notes	80 00	
A. W. Danforth, Sec'y, interest on Cemetery bequest funds	259 50	
Unexpended	320 94	
	$2,831 93	$2,831 93

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Appropriation		$600 00
Amount received for taxes after abatement		51 98

EXPENDED

H. M. Viall, Collector, 1900	$ 68 44	
" " " 1901	59 50	
" " " 1902	329 30	
" " " 1903	124 50	
" " " 1904	70 37	
Overdrawn		13
	$652 11	$652 11

INDEXING OLD TOWN RECORDS

Appropriation		$50 00

EXPENDED

M. F. Charles, indexing records . .	$40 00	
Unexpended	10 00	
	$50 00	$50 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Appropriation		$1,000 00
Received from auctioneers' licenses .		8 00
Received from carriage licenses .		8 00
Received from fees sealing weights, measures, etc.		11 69

EXPENDED

F. D. Merrill, posting warrants . . .	$ 1 50	
Masonic Temple Corp., rent of hall May 12, 1904	5 00	
C. H. Playdon, Inspector of Animals and Provisions, 1903	100 00	
M. F. Charles, Sec'y of Finance Committee	25 00	
M. F. Charles, recording births, marriages and deaths, clerical work and stationery	100 90	
J. H. Adden, copying valuation lists for Sec'y of State	40 00	
J. H. Adden, investigating records . .	25 00	
F. W. Parker, salary Sealer of Weights and Measures, 1904	75 00	
Amount carried forward	$372 40	$1,027 69

Amount brought forward	$372 40	$1,027 69
F. W. Parker, postage, supplies and miscellaneous expenses	7 11	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, miscellaneous printing	39 50	
Francis Bros., supplies and repairs	7 50	
Franklin T. Kurt, expense Gas Committee	6 17	
Alfred Perkins, damage by water	50 00	
W. I. Ruggles, miscellaneous expenses	40	
Samuel Brown, street signs	1 50	
F. W. Danforth, painting street signs	4 70	
J. P. Feeney, legal services	15 00	
O. O. Ordway, hardware	1 25	
W. A. Bancroft, expense for labor forest fires	20 00	
Geo. F. Dow, M. D., reporting births	7 75	
Mrs. S. Porter, reporting births	2 75	
Edgerley & Bessom, reporting deaths, 1903	8 75	
Edgerley & Bessom, reporting deaths, 1904	10 00	
Geo. E. Pierce, reporting deaths, 1904	8 75	
P. J. Seaman, hardware	75	
F. A. Butters, ringing bell	1 00	
John Stock, ringing bell, 1903	1 00	
Arthur B. Curtis, safe for Town Clerk	80 00	
Wilbur F. Turner, witness fees for McKay case	2 65	
A. B. Matthews, carriage hire for Sealer of Weights and Measures	3 00	
H. R. Johnson, expense account edgestones	4 14	
Julia P. Ide, clerical services	3 00	
M. E. Vermille, clerical services	3 00	
Ida Whittier, clerical services	15 00	
J. W. Gleason, repairs on flag pole	5 00	
A. J. Wilkinson & Co., sheave for flag pole	1 11	
Amount carried forward	$683 18	$1,027 69

Amount brought forward	$683 18	$1,027 69
Harry Morrison, damages	50 00	
W. C. Smith, Supt., miscellaneous expenses	3 75	
M. J. Fay, expense account Playground	4 00	
Thos. J. Russell, printing	2 00	
Henry M. Meek Publishing Co., assessors' blanks	2 50	
C. H. Stinchfield, labor at library	3 00	
Yawman Erbe Mfg. Co., supplies	30	
A. P. French, legal services	31 25	
C. W. Nelson, labor forest fires	9 33	
S. H. Parks, M. D., medical services	10 00	
J. F. Burnham, Supt., distributing Town Reports, 1903	10 00	
Geo. E. Lang, carriage hire, 1903	5 00	
J. H. Roe, repairs on roof of Town Building	10 00	
E. F. Parker, Treas., miscellaneous expenses	1 85	
J. A. Bancroft, miscellaneous surveys	14 68	
Old South M. E. Church, care of clock	50 00	
Hobbs & Warren Co., supplies	50	
F. W. Barry, Beale & Co., supplies	25	
Dominique Doucette, ditching	1 75	
H. G. Stock, ditching	1 00	
Jas. Wilkins, ditching	44 33	
F. Chusong, ditching	6 03	
Octavus Dane, ditching	3 50	
J. M. Doucette, ditching	25 47	
Jas. McKenney, ditching	1 75	
W. K. Pratt, ditching	1 75	
Unexpended	50 52	
	$1,027 69	$1,027 69

STREET DEPARTMENT

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND REPAIRS OF SIDEWALKS

Appropriation		$3,000 00
A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and excise tax		3,662 24
Amount received for material sold		39 58
Amount received from State Treasurer		6 83
Amount received for bill overpaid		1 00

EXPENDED

Labor and teams, 1903	$ 41 00	
Labor and teams	2,105 09	
Labor	2,077 87	
Gravel, 1902	3 90	
Gravel, 1904	211 45	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies, 1903	45	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies	50	
Francis Bros, supplies, 1903	83	
Francis Bros., supplies	46 35	
F. W. Danforth, supplies	5 50	
Francis Bartley, supplies, 1903	2 50	
Francis Bartley, supplies	6 50	
W. F. Cook, supplies	75	
T. C. Fife, supplies, 1903	5 45	
T. C. Fife, supplies	3 43	
Amount carried forward	$4,511 57	$6,709 65

Amount brought forward	$4,511 57	$6,709 65
C. L. Martin, supplies	21 33	
Harold L. Bond Co., supplies	5 40	
American Powder Mills, supplies	15 52	
F. Wallace, supplies	3 05	
Nathan Bancroft Estate, supplies	3 00	
Geo. H. Atkinson, supplies	65	
Municipal Light Board, supplies	50	
Reading Co-operative Ass'n, supplies	60	
Wm. H. Mears, supplies	2 25	
Jas. A. Bancroft, surveying	28 42	
E. L. Lovejoy, storage of roller and scraper	5 25	
R. C. Totten, repairs	4 80	
J. A. Blunt, repairs	33 67	
Samuel Brown, repairs	38 30	
O. O. Ordway, repairs, 1903	10 20	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	16 50	
P. J. Seaman, repairs	1 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., drain pipe and supplies	10 14	
Reading Water Works, cast iron pipe	31 21	
Reading Water Works, one-half cost of lowering water main on No. Main Street	65 92	
Lovejoy Granite Co., granite curbing	8 38	
Good Roads Machine Co., road machine	199 00	
Good Roads Machine Co., supplies	35 30	
A. M. Barnard estate, rent, 1903	9 00	
A. M. Barnard estate, rent	36 00	
Geo. W. Killorin, use of steam roller	117 95	
R. F. Hudson, drain pipe	20 80	
R. F. Hudson, crushed stone	705 23	
A. G. Emerson, labor and team	25 07	
A. G. Emerson, clerical services, 1903	50 00	
L. W. Allen, salary Supt. of Streets, from April 1, 1904, to Jan. 14, 1905	670 20	
Amount carried forward	$6,686 21	$6,709 65

Amount brought forward	$6,686 21	$6,709 65
L. W. Allen, supplies and miscellaneous expenses	23 44	
	$6,709 65	$6,709 65

STREET SPRINKLING

Appropriation		$449 00
EXPENDED		
O. O. Ordway, repairs	$ 16 80	
J. S. Bond, awning	3 00	
Prentiss & Viall, insurance watering cart .	3 00	
J. J. Cameron, supplies	3 00	
L. W. Allen, supplies	25	
John Stock, labor and use of horses . .	285 75	
Herbert Stock, labor and use of horses .	136 50	
Unexpended	70	
	$449 00	$449 00

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND EDGESTONES

(Abutters to pay one-half)

Appropriation		$200 00
Amount received from Old South M. E. Church		48 39
Amount received from account of Improvement of Common (Civic League)		12 04
Amount received from account of School Dept.		39 92
Amount carried forward		$300 35

EXPENDED

Amount brought forward		$300 35
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	$ 29 75	
Lovejoy Granite Co., edgestones	108 23	
John Muse, setting edgestones	63 98	
Unexpended	98 39	
	$300 35	$300 35

CONCRETE GUTTERS, CROSSWALKS AND PAVED GUTTERS

Appropriation		$250 00

EXPENDED

Labor	$ 25 84	
Labor and teams	3 67	
Geo. W. Killorin, concreting	12 00	
Unexpended	208 49	
	$250 00	$250 00

REPAIRS OF CONCRETE

Appropriation		$350 00
A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and excise tax		28 37

EXPENDED

Geo. W. Killorin, concreting	$378 37	
	$378 37	$378 37

BEACH STREET

Appropriation		$150 00
EXPENDED		
Labor	$99 08	
Labor and teams	41 33	
Unexpended	9 59	
	$150 00	$150 00

BRIDGE AT READING—NORTH READING LINE ON MAIN STREET

Appropriation		$450 00
EXPENDED		
Aberthaw Construction Co., part payment of contract	$450 00	
	$450 00	$450 00

REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE

Appropriation		$800 00
A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and excise tax		641 96
Amount received from bill overpaid		10 50
Amount received from bill underpaid		4 00
EXPENDED		
Labor and teams, 1903	$ 78 68	
Labor and teams, 1904	812 62	
Amount carried forward	$891 30	$1,456 46

Amount brought forward	$891 30	$1,456 46
Labor	346 46	
A. G. Emerson, labor and team	191 20	
Samuel Brown, repairs	11 75	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	75	
R. C. Totten, repairs	12 50	
John Blunt, repairs	1 50	
F. Wallace, supplies	1 00	
	$1,456 46	$1,456 46

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF STREET RAILWAY TAX

Unexpended balance		$ 40 43
Amount received from excise tax, 1904		2,098 23
Amount received from franchise tax, 1904		2,310 02

EXPENDED

Account repairs of concrete	$ 28 37	
Account highways	3,662 24	
Account snow and ice	641 96	
Unexpended	116 11	
	$4,448 68	$4,448 68

FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Reading:

The Board of Engineers herewith submit their annual report for the year nineteen hundred and four.

During the year the Department have responded to 24 bell alarms.

The Department consists of
One Chief Engineer and two Assistant Engineers.
Steamer No. 1, two enginemen.
Hook and Ladder No. 1, twelve men.
Hose No. 1, thirteen men, Central Fire Station.
Hose No. 2, fifteen men, Woburn Street.
Hose No. 3, seven men, North Main Street.
Hose No. 4, seven men, Hopkins Street.
Hose No. 5, Volunteer Co., Grove Street, at Elwin J. Roundy's.

Mr. Leonard T. Eames was re-appointed Supt. of the Fire Alarm and the system is in good condition. The Storage Battery is doing all that was expected from it and in another year will have saved in supplies the amount expended to install the same. We have replaced with new, five miles of old wire and poles for same, this being a part of the original system and had been in use from ten to fifteen years.

We have had the house of Hose No. 2 painted, also the wagon of Hose No. 2 and the Hook and Ladder, and the buildings and apparatus are all in good condition.

We have by vote of the Town placed Tower Strikers on the houses of Hose No. 3 and No. 4, and they have proved to be a great help to the members of those companies, as well as to school

children, by enabling them to hear the alarm for no-session of the schools.

We have by vote of the Town located a new fire alarm box, No. 68, on Haven Street, opposite the G. A. R. Hall, and relocated box No. 17 on Prescott Street, near the corner of Arlington Street.

The Department held its third Field Day on Wednesday, Sept. 28. The Committee thought it best not to hold the exhibitions on So. Main Street, and instead the Board of Engineers gave the Department a trial run by pulling in box 46, corner of Charles and Pearl Streets, at 12.50 P. M. The first piece of apparatus arrived at the box in 4 minutes and 2 seconds, and the last in 9 minutes and 55 seconds, bringing every piece of apparatus to the box inside of 10 minutes. Considering that the horses were at their stables and that no one knew just when nor what box was to be pulled, and that the distance from the nearest house is 6-10 of a mile, and from the farthest 1 and 6-10 miles, we consider this a very good showing. We wish to thank the citizens, members of the Department and the drivers for the interest taken in making the day a success.

We were unable to pay off the Department Jan. 1, 1905, from the 1904 appropriation, owing to the fact that from March 25 to May 1 we responded to eleven alarms which ran our pay roll up to over $1,700. We would recommend that the Town vote to pay the members of the Department a stated sum per year so that the pay roll can be figured on to a certainty.

We would call attention to the need of a fire alarm box near the corner of Main and Forest Streets.

We would also call attention to the need of building something suitable to carry the ladders on during the winter months, as there are times every winter when it would be impossible to get the Hook and Ladder to a fire.

We would recommend the purchase this year of 1,000 feet of new hose, also a life-saving net.

In conclusion, we would thank the members of the Department and all who have in any way assisted the Department the past year,

and especially the Reading Rubber Mills for the free use of steam for the fire whistle, and the Boston & Northern Street Railway Company for the free use of their current for charging the storage battery.

FRANK G. NICHOLS, Chief Engineer,
GEORGE L. PRATT, Secretary,
ORVILLE O. ORDWAY, Ass't Engineer,
Board of Engineers, Reading Fire Department.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FIRES FOR THE YEAR 1904

Date	Box	Time	Owner	Occupants	Loss on Building	Ins. on Building	Ins. Paid	Loss on Cont'ts	Ins. on Cont'ts	Ins. Paid	Cause
Feb. 25	64	11.10 a m	Town of Reading.....	Union Street School..	$848 50	$4500 00	$848 50	Small	None	None	Caught from Heater.....
Mar. 25	15	7.25 p m	S. E. Claggett.....	S. E. Claggett.....	450 00	800 00	450 00	$175	$200	$175	Unknown .....
Mar. 27	33	10.45 p m	Highland Rubber Co...	Highland Rubber Co...	125 00	100 00	100 00	50	None	None	Sparks from Chimney....
April 4	33	10.25 a m	Mrs. Ambrose Froton	Mrs. Ambrose Froton	25 00			None			Careless use of Matches..
April 5	16	1.30 p m	S. E. Winslow.....	B. F. Allen.....	1200 00			2000	1500	1500	Burning Grass.....
April 5	13	4.15 p m	Robert Hodson.....	Robert Hodson.....	10 00			None	None	None	Burning Grass.....
April 6	24	3.10 p m									Brush Fire.....
April 15	37	10.30 a m									Brush Fire..... .....
April 18	18	1.45 p m	Est. Jeremiah Driscoll		15 00			None			Defective Chimney.....
April 19		1.42 p m									Bl'st of Rocks,No.Main st.
April 21	64	5.30 a m	Mrs. H. F. Bigelow...	Dr. F. L. Smalley.....				Small	1500		Caught from Fireplace ..
April 22	15	9.55 p m	Albert Ells.....	Albert Ells.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	75	None	None	Unknown.....
May 20	24	8.40 p m	Richard McCoy.....	Richard McCoy.....	175 00	1000 00	175 00	None	None	None	Unknown..... ..
May 26	61	1.45 p m	Mrs. Jennie H. Gould	C. D. Wells.....	16 00	250 00	16 00	None	None	None	Caught from Sparks.....
May 26	15	3.15 p m	A. F. Newhouse.....	A. F. Newhouse... ...	4000 00	3000 00	3000 00	150	None	None	Lightning.....
June 9	24	11.30 p m	Richard McCoy	Unoccupied.....	650 00	800 00	Unsettl'd	None	None	None	Incendiary.....
June 15	16	11.55 p m	Charlotte Nokes.....	Unoccupied..... ...	20 00			None	None	None	Incendiary.....
June 25		6.35 p m									Lightning.....
July 2	18	1.13 p m	Thomas Turner.....	Thomas Turner.....	None	1000 00		Small			Unknown.....
July 4	24	1.12 a m									False Alarm.....
July 30	35	3.20 a m	Reuben Friedman. ..	Reuben Friedman....	75 00	500 00	75 00	10	None	None	Caught from Oven.....
Aug. 1	68	1.43 p m	Fowle, Leonard and C. Tillinghast, Executors	C. W. Hill.....				Small		None	Naptha.....
Nov. 12	44	4.21 p m									Grass Fire... .....
Dec. 1	27	2.40 p m									Brush Fire.....

The Department has travelled 252 miles. Laid 17,950 feet of hose. Used 452 feet of ladders. Used 45 gallons of chemicals.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation		$4,000 00
Appropriation, available assets . .		1,000 00
Amount received from sale of material		15 00

EXPENDED

F. G. Nichols, salary Chief Engineer, from May 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1904 . .	$ 125 00	
F. G. Nichols, labor	3 00	
Geo. L. Pratt, salary engineer, May 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1904	100 00	
Geo. L. Pratt, clerk of Board and postage to April 30, 1904	6 50	
O. O. Ordway, salary engineer, May 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1904	100 00	
L. T. Eames, salary engineer Steamer 1, Jan. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904 . . .	75 00	
Adolph Turner, salary ass't engineer Steamer 1, May 1, 1903, to Aug. 31, 1904 .	66 72	
W. H. Bancroft, steward Hose 2, Nov. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1904 . . .	75 00	
E. H. Crowe, steward H. & L. No. 1, May 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1904 . . .	75 00	
H. E. McIntire, steward Hose 4, Sept. 1, 1903, to May 30, 1904 . . .	22 50	
Parker Nichols, steward Hose 3, May 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1904 . . .	50 00	
W. S. Tucker, steward, June 1, 1904, to Aug. 31, 1904	7 50	
Geo. A. Shackford, horse service, Nov. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1904 . . .	587 33	
R. A. White, horse service, May, 1903 .	33 33	
Amount carried forward	$1,326 88	$5,015 00

Amount brought forward	$1,326 88	$5,015 00
E. P. Bancroft, horse service, Nov. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1904	116 67	
Parker Nichols, horse service, May 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1904	77 50	
John Stock, horse service, Nov. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903	41 66	
John Stock, horse service, Jan. 1, 1904, to Aug. 31, 1904	166 67	
Herbert G. Stock, horse service, Sept. 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904	83 34	
C. H. McIntire, horse service, May 1, 1902, to Sept. 30, 1904	92 50	
Wm. C. McKinley, horse service, May 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904	25 00	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	25 34	
Samuel Brown, repairs	75	
Wm. C. Taylor, repairs	3 15	
J. J. Cameron, harness and repairing	63 65	
Otis H. Brown, horse service, May 1, 1903, to April 30, 1904	32 50	
Otis H. Brown, use of pung	6 00	
Jason Zwicker, labor and team, use of wagon	17 00	
Chas. J. Haag, care of hose and labor, Nov. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1904	53 85	
Firemen's pay roll, year ending April 30, 1904	1,704 34	
Chas. M. Garry, labor	3 50	
Alfred Dulong, labor	2 50	
F. A. Butters, labor and supplies	3 50	
L. T. Eames, labor and supplies	15 62	
M. E. Nichols, labor and supplies	1 55	
C. K. Littlefield, care of flag	2 00	
E. H. Crowe, labor	25 00	
Amount carried forward	$3,890 47	$5015 00

Amount brought forward	$3,890 47	$5,015 00
H. E. McIntire, labor	5 17	
W. S. Tucker, fire service	2 75	
H. G. Stock, fire service	7 08	
C. L. Martin, supplies	4 25	
E. L. Chamberlain, supplies	1 00	
J. A. Murphy, supplies	2 50	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies	1 12	
Geo. M. Stevens Co., Inc., supplies	30 75	
Henry K. Barnes, supplies	1 30	
W. Bancroft & Co., supplies and fuel, 1903	18 79	
W. Bancroft & Co., supplies and fuel, 1904	25 40	
F. Wallace, supplies	12 85	
Geo. H. Atkinson, supplies	5 86	
Nathan Bancroft Est., supplies	11 25	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, supplies	2 00	
Boston Coupling Co., supplies	1 50	
Francis Bros., supplies	6 87	
A. J. Wilkinson & Co., supplies	1 50	
Jas. A. Healey & Co., supplies	60	
Wm. H. Wightman, insurance	23 00	
Municipal Light Board, electric light and supplies, 1903	10 98	
Municipal Light Board, electric light and supplies, 1904	19 52	
Reading Water Works, water rates, 1903	6 00	
Reading Water Works, water rates, 1904	6 00	
Walter F. Cook, painting hose houses	65 00	
Mitchell Mfg. Co., badges and replating	12 60	
Fred Batchelder, labor	50	
Merrill Hutchinson, painting H. & L. and supplies	45 00	
Cummings Express Co., expressing	11 45	
F. W. Danforth, painting hose wagon	25 00	
Amount carried forward	$4,258 06	$5,015 00

Amount brought forward	$4,258 06	$5,015 00
Field Day Expenses	150 00	
	$4,408 06	

FIRE ALARM

EXPENDED

L. T. Eames, salary Supt. fire alarm, year ending Dec. 31, 1904 . . .	$100 00	
L. T. Eames, labor, material and car fare .	94 64	
J. W. Gleason, labor	69 88	
Henry F. Haag, labor	17 26	
F. G. Nichols, labor	49 35	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire . . .	26 75	
Harry Walter, supplies	82 73	
O. L. Milbury, supplies	75	
Municipal Light Board, supplies . .	16 40	
R. Mitchell & Co., supplies . . .	22 98	
Geo. M. Stevens Co., Inc., supplies . .	13 88	
T. C. Fife, supplies	3 46	
W. Bancroft & Co., supplies . . .	6 50	
Francis Bros., supplies	13 53	
J. A. Blunt, repairs	35	
American Express Co., express . . .	50	
Unexpended	87 98	
	$5,015 00	$5,015 00

FOREST FIRES

Appropriation		$150 00

EXPENDED

J. N. Weston, salary, year ending April 30, 1903	$15 00	
Amount carried forward	$15 00	$150 00

Amount brought forward	$15 00	$150 00
W. A. Bancroft, salary, May 1, 1902, to Dec. 31, 1904	40 00	
A. G. Nichols, salary, May 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1904	25 00	
H. E. McIntire, salary, Sept. 1, 1903, to Apr. 30, 1904	10 00	
Geo. Lampro, salary, May 1, 1902, to April 30, 1903	15 00	
Asa Parker, salary, May 1, 1903, to Apr. 30, 1904	15 00	
J. W. Davies, salary, May 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904	10 00	
C. W. C. Trask, salary, May 1, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1904	10 00	
Labor	5 10	
Labor and teams	8 75	
Overdrawn		3 85
	$153 85	$153 85

FIRE ALARM BOXES NO. 17 AND 68

(Installing No. 68 and relocating No. 17)

Appropriation		$75 00
EXPENDED		
Geo. M. Stevens Co., Inc., fire alarm box and keys	$43 00	
Labor installing same and relocating No. 17	16 01	
Unexpended	15 99	
	$75 00	$75 00

FIRE ALARM TOWER STRIKERS ON HOSE HOUSES NOS. 3 AND 4

Appropriation		$500 00
EXPENDED		
Geo. M. Stevens Co., Inc., tower strikers .	$404 50	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., material . .	13 29	
Francis Bros., supplies	12 06	
American Express Co., expressing . .	1 55	
Labor and team	5 00	
Labor	53 07	
Unexpended	10 53	
	$500 00	$500 00

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

READING, JAN. 1, 1905.

To the Honorable Board of Fire Engineers of the Reading Fire Department:

I submit the following report:

There have been added to the fire alarm system during the year two tower strikers: one at Hose 3 house, the other at Hose 4 house; and one signal box, No. 68, corner of Gould and Haven Streets.

Box 17 has been moved from Lincoln Street, near the depot, to Prescott Street, near Arlington Street.

The storage battery continues to give the best of satisfaction.

The keys taken from boxes 13, 15, 16, 24, 27, 28, 29, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 44, 45, 46, 47, 67 have been replaced as voted by the Town.

Three miles of old wire has been replaced by new.

LOCATION OF BOXES

13—Corner of Ash and Avon Sts.
15—Corner of Walnut St. and Summer Ave.
16—Main St., near South.
17—Prescott St., near Arlington.
18—Park Ave., corner of Minot St.
22—No session, High School House.
23—Corner of Woburn and Temple Sts.
24—Mineral St., corner of Hancock.

25—Prospect St., near King.
26—Hose 2 House, Woburn St.
27—Summer Ave., south of Prescott St.
28—West St., near W. A. Bancroft's.
29—Corner of West and King Sts.
32—Franklin St., opp. second house from Grove.
33—Lowell St., Eastern Rubber Co. Works.
34—Corner of Grove and Forest Sts.
35—Corner of Main and Locust Sts.
36—Corner of Bancroft Ave. and Locust St.
37—Main St., near Brooks Nichols'.
39—Corner of Franklin and Main Sts.
41—Corner of Village and Green Sts.
42—Corner of John and Haven Sts.
44—Corner of Salem and Pearl Sts.
45—Corner of Salem and Belmont Sts.
46—Corner of Charles and Pearl Sts.
47—Corner of Haverhill and Charles Sts.
55—Reading Rubber Mills.
61—Corner of Main and Washington Sts.
62—Corner of Main and Haven Sts.
63—Congregational Church.
64—Central Fire Station.
65—Corner of Bancroft Ave. and Middlesex Ave.
67—Corner of High St. and Middlesex Ave.
68—Corner of Gould and Haven Sts.

I would recommend that some of the old wire be replaced by new.

Yours Respectfully,

LEONARD T. EAMES,
Supt. Fire Alarm.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

READING, MASS., JAN. 1, 1905.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor of submitting to you my annual report of the doings and condition of the Police Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904. The department at present consists of

Chief—Frederic D. Merrill.

Patrolmen—J. Henry Orr and William H. Manning.

Reserves—Robert Powers, Jason Zwicker, Reuben J. LeFave, Asa Parker, Eugene L. Lovejoy, Samuel Brown, J. J. Cullinane, John W. Saunders, Clement Gleason, Frank A. Butters, J. Mande Doucette, John Stock, Herbert Stock.

Keeper of Lockup—Frederic D. Merrill.

Number of arrests during the year 88

ARRESTS BY MONTHS

January	9	July	12
February	5	August	5
March	8	September	24
April	5	October	2
May	2	November	5
June	5	December	6

Males, 77; Females, 11; Adults, 69; Minors, 19; Residents, 49; Non-residents, 39. Tramps lodged, 187.

CRIMES FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE

Assault	10
Adultery	3

Bigamy	1
Cruelty to animals	2
Disturbing the peace	8
Drunk	39
Breaking street lamp	1
Exceeding speed limit	1
Illegal gaming	4
Insane	5
Larceny	7
Non-support	1
Truancy	2
Trespass	1
Violation of milk law	2
Vagrancy	1

VOCATIONS OF PERSONS ARRESTED

Boiler maker	1	Paver	1
Broker	2	Paper maker	1
Blacksmith	3	Student	4
Clerk	1	Shoe worker	8
Cabinet maker	2	Salesman	1
Dress maker	1	Stone mason	1
Druggist	1	Steam fitter	2
Fisherman	1	Saloon keeper	1
Farmer	5	Metal polisher	1
Gasfitter	1	Tailor	1
Housekeeper	7	Telephone operator	1
Kitchen man	1	Tobacconist	1
Laborer	9	Teamster	8
Laundry	1	Rubber worker	4
Peddler	3	None	9
Painter	5		

NATIONALITY OF PERSONS ARRESTED

America	61	British Provinces	9
Greece	1	Russia	6

Germany	2	Scotland	1
Ireland	8		

DISPOSITION OF CASES IN COURT

Fined	42
Committed for non-payment	10
Sentenced to House of Correction	10
Sentenced to Reformatory	1
Discharged	5
Placed on file	10
Nol Prossed	2
Sentenced to Reform School	1
Ordered to leave county	1
Committed to hospital	5

Total of sentences, one year, seven months, ten days.

MISCELLANEOUS WORK

Accidents reported	6
Dogs killed	11
Dead bodies cared for	3
Disturbances quelled	8
Defective water pipes	2
Defective electric wires	8
Defective streets and sidewalks	7
Fire alarms given	2
Fires extinguished without an alarm	2
Cases investigated	68
Complaints received	75
Horses found cast	14
Injured persons assisted	13
Lost children restored	5
Lanterns placed in dangerous places	7
Officers in Court, days	103
Officers at fires	44
Places of business found open	183

Requests for police	26
Runaway boys found and returned home	2
Persons reported missing	3
Stray teams and horses cared for	8

During the past year there have been 88 arrests. Of this number 77 were males, and 11 females; 49 were residents and 39 non-residents; 69 adults and 19 minors; number of tramps lodged, 187.

The life and activities of a community are sometimes guaged by the Police Court record. It is a factor, variable it is true, but nevertheless a factor in determining the life and character of a community. It has been said that a place which cannot find business for the police must be dead; for it is reasoned that where there is life and business activity there must also be the inevitable accompaniments, namely, vice and crime.

Strangers in the town, while remarking on the great number of people brought in on the many lines of electric cars, have also commented on their good behavior. This may not be due to police supervision alone, but to respect for the law. When each tries to do his share towards the maintenance of good order by observing the general law and local ordinances, when each feels for the town as he should for his own household, the result cannot but be an exalted and peaceful community. I am sensible of the fact that this lies at the bottom as cause of peace and good order which characterizes today the life of this community.

An item in the work of the department which does not appear on the surface, except when a sensational capture is made, is the sharp lookout for rogues, who, when suspected of evil intent, are followed up and driven out of town. Reading is certainly not a safe place for the habitual tramp or the crook. I wish to call attention to the fact that there has been a steady decrease for twelve years in the number of tramps, which I attribute to the manner in which they have been dealt with. Each and every one has been sharply questioned, and if not able to give a good account of their doings previously, they have been ordered to leave town.

I wish once more to call the attention of the merchants to the care of their places of business. One or two acts of forgetfulness may be excusable, but when such becomes frequent it amounts to blameful negligence; and not until a heavy loss occurs will such merchants realize that it is a duty they owe themselves to see that their places of business are properly secured at night, and not depend entirely upon the police to discover and remedy such carelessness, for it must be remembered that the sleepless vigilance of a police officer cannot cover every detail, and that to watch a place found open until the owner is notified and arrives on the scene often prevents the officer from continuing his rounds of inspection.

Some time ago I directed the officers to insist on a better observance of the By-Law regarding loafing in doorways and public places, and of the ordinance of the Board of Health in regard to spitting upon sidewalks. In these matters there has been an improvement but, as in everything else, best results require the co-operation of the individual citizen, for it is just as easy to be a clean town as it is to be considered an orderly one.

The number of arrests made during the past year has been the greatest in the history of the town. The instalment of a day patrolman would, in my opinion, have a tendency to decrease crime, for a crime is seldom committed in the presence of an officer.

In concluding my report, I wish to acknowledge my appreciation of the courtesies extended the police by your honorable Board, the Judges and Clerk of the Fourth District Court, and the many citizens who have aided us by kindly acts and words. I also wish to thank the members of the department for the faithful discharge of their duties, and kindly treatment to me in the past.

Most respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC D. MERRILL, Chief of Police.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		$2,800 00
Appropriation for Police at fair, 1902 .		83 40
Amount received from 4th District Court fines		153 00
Amount received from Master of House of Correction		33 00
Amount received from County Treasurer for transportation of patients .		24 00
Amount received for police duty at private parties		6 42
Amount received for use of telephone		30

EXPENDED

F. D. Merrill, salary, 1904 . . .	$819 00	
F. D. Merrill, miscellaneous expenses .	24 00	
F. D. Merrill, transportation of prisoners	33 94	
F. D. Merrill, use of horse . . .	25 00	
Wm. H. Manning, salary, 1904 . . .	780 00	
J. H. Orr, salary, 1904	780 00	
J. H. Orr, special duty	5 89	
J. H. Orr, car fare and expenses . .	2 98	
Wm. H. Manning, special duty . .	3 50	
Robert Powers, special police . . .	215 91	
J. W. Saunders, special police . . .	15 00	
H. G. Stock, special police . . .	2 14	
R. J. Lefave, special police . . .	14 22	
Amount carried forward	$2,721 58	$3,100 12

Amount brought forward	$2,721 58	$3,100 12
C. H. Stinchfield, special police at fires, 1903	2 50	
B. F. Manning, special police at fires, 1903	3 14	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone rent	53 32	
O. O. Ordway, repairing cell	50	
L. M. Ham & Co., repairing lock	1 50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	4 85	
F. W. Barry, Beal & Co., supplies	2 80	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies	75	
Francis Bros., supplies	75	
A. A. Magee, supplies	4 75	
H. A. Winship, supplies	3 50	
Geo. W. Nichols, stop watch	7 00	
Newton Graphic Publishing Co., automobile register	1 00	
S. M. Spencer, badges	9 00	
Borthwick Bros., carriage hire	5 00	
Geo. E. Lang, carriage hire	4 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel	1 95	
F. Wallace, supplies	45	
Special police, July 3d, 4th and 5th	112 88	
George A. Shackford, carriage hire	27 00	
F. H. Martin, meals for prisoners, 1903	18 25	
C. W. McDougall, special police at fair, 1902	10 80	
Jason Zwicker, special police at fair, 1902	11 40	
John Stock, special police at fair, 1902	14 40	
Samuel Brown, special police at fair, 1902	11 40	
W. J. Allen, special police at fair, 1902	9 90	
Asa Parker, special police at fair, 1902	11 70	
W. A. Bancroft, special police at fair, 1902	1 80	
F. W. Davis, special police at fair, 1902	17 25	
Robert Powers, special police at fair, 1902	12 00	
Unexpended	13 00	
	$3,100 12	$3,100 12

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading:

Your Board of Health herewith submit its annual report of the doings of the Board and health conditions in the Town.

Number of contagious diseases reported		23
Diphtheria	3	
Scarlet fever	6	
Measles	4	
Membraneous croup	1	
Typhoid fever	9	
Complaints of nuisances received		6
Number of rooms fumigated		51
Permits to do plumbing granted		81
Permits to lay drains granted		41
Burial permits issued		78
Whole number of deaths in Reading		78

Appendicitis	1	Gastritis	2
Accident	2	Heart disease	1
Apoplexy	1	Meningitis	3
Alcoholism	1	Myocarditis	3
Angina Pectoris	1	Marasmus	1
Brights disease	1	Membraneous croup	1
Bronchitis	1	Paralysis	1
Cerebral hemorrhage	6	Pneumonia	6
Cancer	5	Premature birth	2
Chronic Nephritis	1	Pulmonary Œdema	1
Convulsions	1	Phthisis	7
Cholera Infantum	1	Paresis	1

Dropsy	2	Pyemia	1
Diabetis	1	Still born	5
Epilepsy	1	Scarlet fever	1
Endocarditis	1	Tuberculosis	6
Entero Colitis	1	Uremia	6
Gangrene	2		

Deaths by months :

January	10	July	3
February	4	August	8
March	6	September	8
April	5	October	4
May	7	November	7
June	9	December	6

The suit of the City of Melrose vs. Town of Reading has not yet been settled. It was, early in the year, placed in the hands of Town counsel for settlement. It was expected soon to be tried, but it has never been reached on the trial list. We have made no offer of settlement, neither has Melrose. We await any instructions you may be disposed to give us.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. L. FLINT,
FREDERIC D. MERRILL, Sec'y,
CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V., Ch.,
Board of Health of Reading.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		$600 00
Cash refunded		13 00

EXPENDED

G. S. Tukey, salary, Inspector of Plumbing	$300 00	
G. S. Tukey, fumigating	11 25	
C. H. Playdon, M. D. V., salary, Inspector of Slaughter Houses, Meats and Provisions, 1903	50 00	
Lyceum Hall Assn., rent, Sept. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1904	171 33	
State Board of Health, two culture outfits	2 00	
Municipal Light Board, electric lights, Sept. 1, 1903, to Nov. 30, 1904	76 55	
E. C. Hanscom, building cesspool	19 35	
S. E. Ryder, Steward, use of ambulance	12 00	
Allen Chemical Co., supplies	6 00	
Francis Bros., supplies	1 55	
R. M. Starbuck & Son, supplies	9 00	
Cummings' Express, expressing	3 75	
American Express Co., expressing	60	
Overdrawn		50 38
	$663 38	$663 38

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit the following report of duty performed for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1904:

Applications received	81
Permits granted	81
Calls made	168
Water closets set	33
Bath tubs set	22
Bowls set	23
Sinks set	56
Trays set	31
Alterations made	5
Repairs made	4
Ice chests set	1

All work has been inspected, tested, and left in a safe and satisfactory condition.

I thank the Board, Secretary and craft for their co-operation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY,

Inspector of Plumbing.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS

READING, JAN. 1, 1905.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Animals and Provisions of this town for 1904.

During the year considerable slaughtering has been carried on, which has been carefully inspected and accepted, or rejected as unfit for food.

The cattle of the town have been carefully and impartially examined for tuberculosis or other diseases of a contagious or infectious nature with the result that but few diseased animals were found and these were promptly dealt with according to law.

I am pleased to state it is my belief that the reason so few cattle are found affected in our town is: that cattle owners are becoming more familiar with the rules of animal husbandry; are more careful what they buy—many buying nothing which will not pass the tuberculin test; strict conformance with the rules laid down for disinfection of stables after cattle are removed before replacing with new; better attention to ventilation, light and cleanliness; not keeping too crowded quarters; and feeding a better quality of hay and grain.

Within the last few years several of our largest dairies have built silos in order to feed ensilage to their cattle during the winter months, thus enabling them to more closely follow the laws of nature.

This is certainly a wise move and an economical one, for in my

opinion no farm or dairy of any size can afford to be without a silo from the standpoint of both health or economy. In some places dissatisfaction is expressed but in nearly every case it can easily be traced to poor management, lack of judgment in cutting the corn when it is not in proper condition, feeding too much at a time, and not enough coarse food with it, such as hay or straw.

I should like to write much more on the subject of animal husbandry, and care and handling of live stock if space permitted.

Thanking the cattle owners for their hearty co-operation, and the cordial way in which they have treated me, I remain,

Yours very truly,

C. H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Reading:

I submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1904:

	CORRECT	ADJ.	C. D.	TOTAL
No. of Scales over 5000 lbs.	3	1		4
" " " under " "	5	10		15
" " small scales	30	9		39
" " pan scales	7	1	1	9
" " computing scales	6			6
" " family scales	5			5
" " weights	256	23		279
" " balances	4			4
" " milk measures	20			20
" " wet measures	32			32
" " dry measures	51			51
" " yard sticks	17			17
" " steel yards	4			4
" " ice scales	5			5
" " bottles	7195		52	7247

Money received for sealing, $7.26.

I have in my possession one set brass scales and weights, one set copper wine measures, one nest dry measures, ten fifty lb. weights, one ten lb. and one five lb. weight; one set of numbers from 0 to 9, three letters, two R. and C. D., one glass cutter, all in good condition.

Respectfully yours,

FRANK W. PARKER,
S. of W. and M.

TRUSTEES LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

READING, JAN. 24, 1905.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Reading:

The past year has witnessed an appreciable advance along the line of general improvement of the Cemetery. We have been working toward a definite end, and that is to make Laurel Hill Cemetery as attractive as possible.

The gates at the Main Street entrance (opposite Galen A. Parker's) have been widened and the posts set back. This removes the cause drivers have had for complaint, and constitutes a permanent improvement.

The balance of the curved edgestones, completing the work contemplated in this line, have been set on the main avenue leading from the Lowell Street entrance. The Trustees are gratified at the extension of the edgestones by the Town around the High School, and along the Lowell Street sidewalk. The improvement at the points mentioned is marked.

We have on hand a sufficient amount of paving stones for the gutters on the same avenue. Heavy rain storms have heretofore done considerable washing out, and the bills for repairing will soon cease.

The trees, which are invaluable to the Cemetery, have been thoroughly rid of brown-tail moth nests and if they suffer from this source it will be from moths coming from without.

The general work has been well kept up. The Superintendent and Foreman have followed to the letter the policy laid out by the Trustees.

We ask this year for $900, together with the unexpended balance, and the proceeds from the sale of lots. We feel this sum may be used most advantageously.

GALEN A. PARKER, Ch.,
A. W. DANFORTH, Sec'y,
ALDEN BATCHELDER,
F. L. EDGERLEY,
H. T. LEAVIS,
W. E. TWOMBLY,
Trustees Laurel Hill Cemetery.

LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

Appropriation		$600 00
Unexpended balance, 1903		589 97
Interest on Cemetery bequests, 1904		259 50
Amount received from sale of lots and graves		540 00
Amount received from Supt. Cemetery		5 50

EXPENDED

F. Wallace, supplies	$ 10 60	
A. W. Danforth, paid for supplies	19 25	
Francis Bros., supplies	4 80	
F. W. Danforth, supplies	1 60	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	1 20	
J. R. Richards, gate posts	8 00	
Jas. A. Bancroft, surveying	2 75	
J. N. Weston, plants, shrubs and flowers	60 40	
Amount carried forward	$108 60	$1,994 97

Amount brought forward	$108 60	$1,994 97
Standard Fertilizer Co., fertilizer	32 50	
Highway Department, building driveway	13 24	
Lovejoy Granite Co., paving blocks and edgestones	177 09	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight on paving block, etc.	23 56	
A. W. Danforth, salary Supt.	75 00	
Labor and teams	678 52	
Labor	800 69	
Unexpended	85 77	
	$1,994 97	$1,994 97

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith hand you my report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1904.

Hearings have been called to consider the advisability of removing certain shade trees, and permissions have been granted for the removal of the following trees, part of which have been removed by the abutters; the rest, I understand, will be removed by their owners as soon as they are in a position to attend to the matter:

One Horse Chestnut, opposite Old South Church.
One Ash, opposite Mrs. Jos. Pratt's, Haven St.
One Maple, opposite Mrs. Jos. Pratt's, Haven St.
Four Maples, opposite Dr. C. R. Henderson's, Washington St.
One Maple, opposite Dr. C. R. Henderson's, Woburn St.
Three Maples, opposite Dr. M. E. Brande's, Washington St.
Two Maples, opposite Dr. M. E. Brande's, Woburn St.
Three Maples, opposite Mr. L. O. Ferson's, Summer Ave.
Two Elms, opposite Mr. L. O. Ferson's, Summer Ave.

The two trees opposite the Pratt estate will probably have to be removed by the Town.

Mr. Charles S. Pratt gave to the Town this fall about twenty Rock Maples, part of which have been planted in the following places: Prescott St., opposite shoe factory, Woburn St., opposite field of the late Wm. Carter, one on Bancroft Ave., opposite house of E. M. Coolidge, and one opposite W. H. Byers', Summer Ave.

A great many limbs on different trees through the Town have been broken, owing to high winds during the year, probably more

damage of this sort this year than previous years since I have held this office. One of the greatest menaces to our street trees is the electric wires of all kinds that have been strung among them, the insulation being constantly worn off by rubbing against the branches. This source of trouble will continue so long as wires are run among the limbs of our shade trees.

Another serious trouble that is to be met and which is going to continue is the Brown Tail Moth. Last spring's appropriation was used in removing these webs from our street trees, something over 12,000 being removed and destroyed; the residential parts of the town were generally taken care of by the men in my department, to say nothing of what was done by private property owners and the school children. The appropriation of $500, voted at a special Town meeting held last fall, has, up to the present writing, been practically all used in ridding the following streets from this pest: Woburn St., from the Common to West St., 13,556 webs removed and destroyed; Main St., to B. & M. R. R. crossing, including Common, 14,065; Arlington St., 2,062; Washington St., from Woburn to Main St., 1,030; Haven St., 280; Linden St., 271; Ash St., from Washington to Haven St., 193; and Sanborn St., from Woburn to Haven St., 484. Making a total number of webs removed and destroyed, 32,441. There is, I understand, about $100 still to be used for this work, and probably when this work is completed, or the remaining cash used up, there will be in the vicinity of forty-five or fifty thousand webs destroyed, costing the Town approximately one cent per web.

Being unable to devote all of my time to this work, and it was obvious that some one should devote most, if not all of his time to it, in order to get the best results, I appointed with your permission, Street Commissioner L. W. Allen, as Deputy Tree Warden, which work he has done well and conscientiously. My instructions to Mr. Allen were as follows, and which is a part of this report:

Dec. 14, 1904.

Mr. Lemuel W. Allen, Reading, Mass.

Dear Sir: I have received permission from the Selectmen to

appoint you Deputy Tree Warden to take charge of the removal of the Brown Tail Moth nests from the public street trees of the Town.

I hereby appoint you Deputy Tree Warden to act in my behalf and under my direction, authorizing you to approve such bills that may be contracted by you for the work of which you are in charge. In regard to the approving of the bills for your own time I will approve them, thus preventing any possible criticism.

I would like to have you begin work at once, putting men to work on Woburn Street, Summer Avenue, Main Street, the Common, and the section about the depot; these being the principal streets, and upon which the greatest amount of travel is done, it is obvious that they should be taken care of first. This would also apply to Salem Street, North Main Street and Lowell Street, upon which the electric cars go. It will be necessary for you to purchase the necessary pruners you may need, as the ones I have here are so badly broken they will be of little use to you. You are welcome to what ladders I have on the place here, which are my personal property, but which I have loaned to the Town without charge. There are also three or four hand lines here which belong to the Town and which are essential in your work. In regard to the hiring of help I have no suggestions to make, believing if you are to get the best results from your help, you are to have the privilege of hiring such men as you believe you can get the best results from and discharging those that are not attending to their work. There are two men, however, who will be of great use to you, particularly in high climbing, and by high climbing I mean the largest elms in the Town, it being understood that you are to use them only in such high work, and I recommend that you pay these men $2.50 per day of the usual accepted day of nine hours. These men I refer to are Wesley Gleason and Walter Locke.

These men are not to work together for this price, and their assistants should not be paid over $1.75 per day. You, of course, understand that the Town takes no responsibility in regard to accidents that may occur to any of its employes in connection with this work, and the men must understand this when they take such

work. In regard to lessening the danger of accidents to the men that do the high climbing, these men should be supplied with a life belt and such number of feet of rope as will be necessary. The life belt which I would ask you to have made can be purchased of a harness maker in Winchester who makes similar belts for the use of the Tree Warden of Winchester. These belts, I believe, cost about $2.50 each, and I would ask you to order four belts. These are loaned to your high climbers and with the help of a competent assistant, and such rope as is necessary for a hand line, is all the insurance, in my opinion, that is necessary for the risk that is undertaken.

You will please keep an account of the number of moths that are removed from the different streets, and a record of the cost of time taken for the removal of such moths from the different streets.

My brother Ben will give you such material that I have here that is usable. You can telephone me personally any evening after seven o'clock at my home, excepting Tuesday and Friday, and any time before eight o'clock in the morning, while between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. you can get me by calling 153 Haymarket.

I have notified the Selectmen that I have appointed you as Tree Warden, and also sent notification of your appointment to The Chronicle. I will be ready to give you all the assistance that is possible and believe that you can do this work entirely satisfactory to all concerned. Will you please have the work started as soon as you can, and have it pushed as rapidly as possible. The nests, you of course understand, are to be burned every night and none left on the ground. You will probably get the best results from your men by having them work in pairs and have them scattered far enough apart so as to prevent any unnecessary cheap talk.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) A. CHANDLER MANNING.

The removing of these webs is a cumbersome and expensive problem, but I feel that the work should continue; therefore,

gentlemen, I would recommend that an appropriation of $1,000 be asked for at the next annual town meeting, to be used for the destroying of the webs of the Brown Tail Moth, the nests of the Gypsy Moth (of which about a dozen were destroyed last spring in Reading Square), and for other work incidental to the work of this department.

I wish to thank your Honorable Board, the Finance Committee, and the citizens of the Town generally for the kind and considerate treatment I have received since holding this office.

My personal affairs from now on make it impossible for me to continue to hold this office, therefore I will not be a candidate for re-election at the coming annual town meeting.

Yours very truly,

A. CHANDLER MANNING.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation (regular)		$200 00
Appropriation (special)		500 00

EXPENDED

Labor, removing Brown Tail Moths	$359 33	
Labor trimming trees	43 76	
A. B. Matthews, carriage hire	42 50	
H. G. Stock, use of team	5 50	
Francis Bros., pruners and supplies	13 75	
Ames Plow Co., pruners	2 20	
L. W. Allen, car fare and supplies	60	
Cummings Express, expressing	50	
Samuel Brown, repairs	1 25	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	90	
Geo. H. Atkinson, supplies	24	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	8 00	
Bowker Insecticide Co., creosote mixture	1 00	
J. J. Cameron, straps	3 00	
Sweeney's Harness Shop, belts	10 00	
Unexpended	207 47	
	$700 00	$700 00

ASSESSORS' REPORT

We respectfully submit the following report of the valuation of real and personal property assessed in the Town of Reading during the year 1904.

Value of real estate		$4,077,994 00
Value of personal property, not including resident National Bank stock	$501,935 00	
Resident National Bank stock . .	33,500 00	
Total personal property . . .		$535,435 00
Total value of real and personal property		$4,613,429 00
Increase in value of real estate .	$ 10,126 00	
Increase in value of personal property	13,331 00	
Value of buildings, excluding land	2,514,016 00	
Value of land, excluding buildings	1,563,978 00	
Tax on real estate		$81,559 88
Tax on personal estate		10,708 70
Tax on polls		3,116 00
Total tax assessed on polls and estates		$95,384 58
Tax assessed on polls since May 1, 1904		10 00
Personal and real estate omitted May 1, 1904		18 60
Street railway excise tax (11 710-1000 miles in Reading) . . .		2,098 19
Total taxes assessed from all sources *(carried f'r'd)*		$97,511 37

Amount brought forward		$97,511 37
State Highway tax	$ 108 77	
State tax	3,650 00	
County tax	4,934 51	
		$8,693 28
Balance used for Town purposes		$88,818 09

Rate of taxation, $20 on $1000.

Total number of persons assessed on property	1,545
Total number of persons assessed poll tax only	849
Number of polls May 1, 1904	1,558
Number of polls added since	5
Total polls assessed	1,563
Decrease from 1903	16
Number of horses	388
" " cows	339
" " neat cattle	32
" " sheep	11
" " swine	100
" " fowls	5,188
" " dwellings	1,271
" " new dwellings	6
" " acres of land	5,734

EDWARD F. PARKER,
J. H. ADDEN,
MILLARD F. CHARLES,
Assessors of Reading.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

H. M. VIALL, *Collector*,

TO TOWN OF READING.

DR.

Amount collected after abatement	$ 51 98	
" uncollected taxes, 1902	11,168 03	
" uncollected taxes, 1903	31,249 68	
" collected acc't redemption	1 00	
" committed list, 1904	95,384 58	
" additional list, 1904	10 00	
" supplementary list, 1904	18 00	
" excise tax	2,098 19	
Interest, 1902	865 57	
Interest, 1903	830 87	
Interest, 1904	103 98	

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By cash paid E. F. Parker, Treas.		
Account, 1902		$12,033 60
" 1903		21,100 00
" 1904		61,825 00
" excise tax, 1904		2,098 19
" redemption		1 00
" paid after abatement		51 98
By uncollected taxes, 1903		10,980 55
" " 1904		33,691 56
	$141,781 88	$141,781 88

H. M. VIALL, *Collector.*

Reading, Jan. 21, 1905.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading:

We herewith submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904.

TOWN HOME

Total number of inmates during year	12
Died during the year	1
Number discharged	3
Number at present time	8

NUMBER OF PERSONS AIDED OUTSIDE OF TOWN HOME

Temporary aid granted adults	32
Temporary aid granted children	26
Tramps	187

The Poor Department has this year, as in other years, required considerable attention.

The number of inmates at the Town Home has been about the same as last year, but their stay has been more continuous, making the total number of weeks 460 this year, against 371 weeks last year. Although the total expense of maintenance of the Home, which includes the cost of installing heater, $124.56, has been larger this year than for the year 1903, the cost per week per inmate has been materially decreased.

The calls for outside aid have been numerous but have not been as continuous as they have in many other years. The amount expended is less than last year, which decrease would be more apparent were it not for the fact that we have paid several last year's

bills, the amounts of which an examination of the financial statement will readily show.

We also wish to call your attention to the fact that the number of tramps lodged here is steadily decreasing, which seems to show that they are being properly handled.

The care of the insane was assumed by the State on Jan. 1, 1904, and, as there has been no increase in the State Tax this year, it has resulted not only in relieving the Overseers to some extent, but in an actual financial saving to the Town.

The financial statements appear on the following pages.

JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
HENRY R. JOHNSON,

Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN HOME

INMATES

James Hunter	Aged 61 years
William S. Pease	" 75 "
Margaret Sullivan	" 71 "
Henry W. Weston	" 57 "
Charles H. Ballard	" 58 "
Joseph Stokes, admitted Feb. 6, 1904; discharged May 2, 1904; readmitted July 3, 1904	" 53 "
Addie E. Fielding, discharged June 8, 1904	" 32 "
Gladys B. Fielding, discharged June 27, 1904	" 15 mos.
John H. Daland, died Sept. 15, 1904	" 79 years
William H. Burnham, admitted Feb. 17, 1904	" 78 "
Sarah W. Brown, admitted Sept. 13, 1904; discharged Dec. 28, 1904	" 62 "
Frank C. Gilchrist, admitted Sept. 18, 1904	" 58 "

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN HOME

JAN. 1, 1905

Live stock	$422 00	
Hay and grain	175 75	
Wagons, carts and sleighs	138 00	
Manure	45 00	
Harnesses, blankets, etc	46 00	
Two snow ploughs	20 00	
Spraying apparatus and chemicals	64 25	
Barrels, boxes and baskets	23 70	
Fuel	37 60	
Farming tools and implements	161 00	
Beds, bedding, etc.	88 25	
Household furniture and utensils	401 37	
Provisions and supplies	136 65	
		$1,759 57

TOWN HOME

RECEIPTS

Amount received from spraying trees		$173 45
Amount received from hay		78 49
Amount received from labor on highways		130 18
Amount received from sale of milk and eggs		134 49
Amount received from poultry		24 52
Amount received from vegetables		6 80
Amount received from apples		40 20
Amount received from vinegar		15 75
Amount received from pork		20 58
Amount received from pigs		5 00
Amount received from junk		6 65
Amount received from labor		12 50
Amount received from use of horse rake		25
Amount received from goods returned		1 80
Amount received from board		2 25
Amount received for distributing Town Reports, 1903		10 00

EXPENDED

J. F. Burnham, salary, Supt.	$166 68	
J. F. Burnham, soap, washing powder, sundry expenses	24 69	
Kate Connell, wages	62 85	
W. C. Smith, Supt., salary	277 83	
W. C. Smith, garden seeds, stock, vegetables, soap, washing powder and furnishings	80 56	
Nancy Russell, wages	30 43	
Mary Igo, wages	78 88	
Geo. E. Gill, repairing roof	7 69	
C. L. Martin, fuel	149 25	
Amount carried forward	$878 86	$662 91

Amount brought forward	$878 86	$662 91
W. Bancroft & Co., storm windows, lumber and supplies	34 22	
Holman Wheeler, labor	3 75	
L. W. Learned & Co., disinfectant	3 25	
Francis Bros., household supplies	82 10	
Wm. H. Wightman, insurance	42 50	
J. C. Oxley, medicines	4 60	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone charge	40	
Reading Water Works, water rates	35 03	
Geo. F. Dow, medical attendance	7 50	
Thos. J. Whall, heater and installing same	124 56	
T. C. Fife, labor and supplies	1 80	
B. & M. R. R., freight on wood	7 50	
Chas. Wakefield, wood and vegetables	37 80	
Nathan Bancroft Est., shoes and repairing	16 80	
W. H. Willis, medicines	20 85	
C. D. Wells, horse shoeing	2 25	
E. D. Richmond, medical attendance	100 50	
A. Hodson, papering	4 25	
E. F. Parker, hay	2 00	
Otho Pierce, standing grass	100 00	
E. E. Nichols, ice	13 30	
L. T. Eames, wiring house and barn	15 40	
John A. Blunt, repairs	2 60	
S. H. Parks, medical attendance	7 50	
Milton Parker, spreading manure	1 00	
A. W. Danforth, medicine	8 70	
Francis Bartley, clothing and supplies	33 33	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies	11 99	
W. F. Chisholm, 2 shoats	14 00	
H. R. Johnson, lumber and supplies	11 26	
Bowker Insecticide Co., spraying supplies	35 25	
W. C. Taylor, leather	1 35	
Amount carried forward	$1,666 20	$662 91

Amount brought forward	$1,666 20	$662 91
J. J. Cameron, repairs on harness	50	
P. J. Seaman, repairs	5 87	
Cummings Ex. Co., expressing	1 30	
Robbins & Co., garden seed	2 04	
E. T. Earle, labor	9 80	
R. C. Totten, repairing cart	7 75	
Samuel Brown, repairs	2 05	
J. Abraham, beds and bedding	24 00	
H. L. Sheldon, cow	20 00	
Edgerly & Bessom, burial expenses of J. H. Daland	41 00	
Boston Globe, advertising	1 00	
J. W. Gleason, spraying trees	8 50	
A. G. Somes, spraying trees	34 89	
Wm. Taylor, meat and vegetables	10 27	
F. Wallace, grain and groceries	176 19	
Reading Co-op. Ass'n, grain and groceries	189 69	
E. L. Chamberlain, meat and provisions	84 14	
G. H. Atkinson, grain and groceries	216 28	
W. H. Mears, grain and groceries	139 78	
Berry & Rich, meat and vegetables	116 32	
Trask & Oxley, fish	20 54	
Thomas Ovans, fish	14 88	
E. B. Stewart, crackers	15 02	
F. G. MacDonald, dry goods	27 64	
A. S. Cook & Co., dry goods	21 98	
Hall & Macfarland, shoes	5 60	
Mrs. W. O. Milbury, labor	2 00	
Carried to Poor Account		2,202 32
	$2,865 23	$2,865 23

POOR OUT OF TOWN HOME

EXPENDED

Wm. H. Burnham and family, medical attendance, 1903	$37 50
Wm. H. Burnham and family, supplies, 1904	18 69
Eunice M. Parsons, medical attendance, 1903	140 00
John Walsh and family, medical attendance and supplies, 1903	122 60
John Walsh and family, supplies, 1904	86 10
Geo. H. Daland and family, medical attendance and supplies, 1903	36 32
Geo. H. Daland and family, medical attendance and supplies, 1904	36 34
Joel O. Cederburg and family, medical attendance and supplies, 1903	24 96
Joel O. Cederburg and family, medical attendance and supplies, 1904	118 69
Emily Doucette, hospital services	30 00
Edward Wilson, burial expenses	6 15
Julia A. Morton, supplies	69 00
Elmira Weston, fuel and supplies	85 75
Mrs. W. T. Eames, groceries and provisions	84 00
Frank A. Brown and family, supplies and burial expenses	41 50
Wm. H. Leonard and family, supplies	84 00
Mary T. Roach and family, fuel and groceries	88 62
Matilda Coulter and family, fuel and groceries	19 99
Theresa Froton and family, groceries	46 83
Bridget Dunn, groceries	7 91
James S. Wyatt, provisions and groceries	6 50
Jane Green, groceries	2 70
Jennie Lynch, burial expenses	25 00
Amount carried forward	$1,219 09

Amount brought forward	$1,219 09	
Sarah Jones, provisions and groceries	8 00	
Joseph Stokes, medical attendance, 1903	67 50	
Elizabeth Campbell, hospital services	14 39	
Delia Casey, fuel	7 50	
Elizabeth Morrison, hospital service	13 00	
Oscar Morrison, hospital service	13 00	
Chas. S. Cook, hospital service	14 00	
William Austin, one-half burial expense	15 00	
Carried to Poor Account		$1,371 48

TRAMP ACCOUNT

Fred Wallace, supplies	$2 92	
Carried to Poor Account		$2 92

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In Account with the Town of Reading

Amount received from Commonwealth of Mass.		$11 52
Amount due from Commonwealth of Mass.		206 62

EXPENDED

Annie L. Malonson and family, fuel and groceries	$36 40	
Joseph P. Oliver and family, fuel and groceries	42 73	
Annie Burke and family, fuel and groceries	14 25	
Bridget Greeley and family, fuel and groceries	13 85	
Samuel Feinburg and family, groceries and transportation	11 52	
David Hurlburt, medical attendance and supplies	84 39	
William Austin, burial expenses	15 00	
	$218 14	$218 14

PAID ON ACCOUNT CITY OF MELROSE

Amount received from City of Melrose		$14 75
Amount due from City of Melrose .		14 50
EXPENDED		
Peter Ainsworth and family, fuel . .	$29 25	
	$29 25	$29 25

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

Amount received from Town of Wakefield		$90 69
Amount due from Town of Wakefield		27 84
EXPENDED		
Eliza Green and family, fuel and groceries	$14 00	
Abbie M. McIntire and family, fuel and supplies	66 52	
Harry Jaquith, board and medical attendance	38 01	
	$118 53	$118 53

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF WILMINGTON

Amount received from Town of Wilmington		$126 55
Amount due from Town of Wilmington		108 60
EXPENDED		
Edmund White and family, fuel, groceries, medical attendance, burial expenses and supplies	$235 15	
	$235 15	$235 15

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN OF NORTH READING

Amount due from Town North Reading		$13 87
EXPENDED		
Edward R. Bowley, fuel and groceries	$13 87	
	$13 87	$13 87

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF WOBURN

Amount received from City of Woburn		$74 89
EXPENDED		
Richard Burke and family, groceries	$74 89	
	$74 89	$74 89

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Amount due from City of Cambridge		$11 00
EXPENDED		
Charlotte White and family, fuel and groceries	$11 00	
	$11 00	$11 00

SUMMARY

Appropriation		$3,300 00
Received for aid rendered		149 34
EXPENDED		
Net expenses Town Home	$2,202 32	
Poor out of Town Home	1,371 48	
Tramp account	2 92	
Overdrawn		127 38
	$3,576 72	$3,576 72

TOWN OF READING

FIFTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

WATER COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1904

OFFICERS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, *Chairman* .	Term expires	1907
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD, . .	" "	1906
EARLE H. GOWING, ...	" "	1905

Superintendent and Registrar

LEWIS M. BANCROFT

Engineer at Pumping Station

FRANK F. STROUT

Assistant Engineer

ALBION G. NICHOLS

OFFICE OF WATER BOARD

Room 2, Masonic Block

OFFICE HOURS

8.30 to 11 A. M., 2.30 to 4 P. M., except Saturday.

Saturday: 8.30 A. M. to 12 M., 7.30 to 9 P. M.

To the Citizens of Reading:

The Board of Water Commissioners hereby submit their fifteenth annual report.

MAINTENANCE

Received rent		$66 00
Received fines and summons		18 05
Received for wood		5 00
Paid pay roll	$1,362 00	
Harley Prentiss, P. M., stamped envelopes	86 30	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephones	40 98	
Engineering Record	3 00	
Reading Masonic Temple Corp., rent	132 00	
American Express Co.	15	
Engineering News Publishing Co.	5 00	
Thorp & Martin Co.	11 60	
The Bristols Co., dials	1 66	
Francis Bros.	2 42	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., tools	2 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	15 50	
Municipal Light Board	24 91	
J. A. Murphy, repairing clock	1 00	
Geo. A. Shackford, teams	3 00	
A. W. Danforth, floor oil	1 25	
N. E. Towel Supply Co., towels	3 60	
F. W. Barry, Beal & Co., stationery	2 86	
Car fares	12 70	
Balance		1,622 88
	$1,711 93	$1,711 93

PUMPING STATION MAINTENANCE

Received rent of house		$180 00
Received for coal and telephones		12 43
Paid pay roll	$1,337 07	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., oil and waste	47 46	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephones	54 22	
T. C. Fife, fittings and labor	11 07	
Geo. H. Atkinson	1 95	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	5 10	
J. A. Murphy, repairing clock	1 50	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	185 68	
Francis Bros.	3 22	
S. W. Bowker, teaming coal	15 00	
Waldo Bros., fire brick	19 50	
Hodge Boiler Works, plates and bars	21 52	
Municipal Light Board, lights	9 33	
F. J. Dibble, dials	6 30	
W. A. Jepson, coal	36 64	
M. H. O'Brien, rep. boiler setting	9 50	
L. M. Bancroft, insurance	34 00	
Charles Taylor, teaming ashes	10 00	
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings	55	
Curran & Burton, coal	547 93	
Town of North Reading, taxes	1 65	
Harold L. Bond Co., rep. car	4 64	
Chas. A. Claflin & Co., packing	7 75	
E. C. Metcalf, duster, etc.	1 60	
Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., valve	1 77	
Geo. A. Shackford, teaming coal	204 50	
Walter F. Cook, painting	12 00	
Garlock Packing Co., packing	3 06	
W. H. Gray, rep. roof	18 84	
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., pipe	65	
Amount carried forward	$2,614 00	$192 43

Amount brought forward	$2,614 00	$192 43
F. J. Dibble, ink	75	
M. F. Charles, line	25	
Jos. Breck & Son Co., rep. lawn mower	17	
American Express	80	
Balance		2,423 54
	$2,615 97	$2,615 97

MAINTENANCE OF FILTERS

Paid Pay roll	$798 51	
F. W. Hunt & Co., alcohol	2 70	
Francis Bros.	70	
F. H. Parker & Son, express and teaming	20 70	
Boston Bolt Co., bolts	1 11	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	66 65	
W. B. Fonda, lime	105 00	
Harrison Bros & Co., alum	140 36	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	65	
L. M. Bancroft, insurance	33 85	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire	6 75	
Lawrence Machine Co., repairs	31 78	
Philadelphia Grease Mfg. Co.	1 00	
Dodge Mfg. Co., hanger	1 44	
T. Metcalf Co., chemicals	20	
George H. Atkinson, brushes	79	
		$1,212 19

MAINTENANCE OF METERS

Paid Pay roll	$193 39	
American Express Co.	2 60	
Amount carried forward	$195 99	

Amount brought forward	$195 99	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	1 48	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	1 10	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	1 05	
Thompson Meter Co., repairs	11 71	
Hersey Mfg. Co., repairs	24 65	
National Meter Co., repairs	151 05	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire	2 00	
		$389 03

MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE PIPES

Paid Pay roll	$57 10	
Geo. H. Atkinson	08	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., lime	2 90	
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings	2 74	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire	1 50	
		$64 32

PAINTING HOUSE

Paid Walter F. Cook, labor and stock	$120 00

PAINTING STAND PIPE

Received appropriation		$300 00
Paid F. H. Parker & Son, express	$3 97	
Pay roll	78 75	
P. F. O'Neil, labor	260 00	
Municipal Light Board, lights	45 94	
Francis Bros., oil	5 00	
Edward Smith & Co., paint	156 00	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., paint	66 30	
Balance		315 96
	$615 96	$615 96

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN PIPE

Received for labor		$7 10
Paid Pay roll	$24 18	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	80	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire	75	
Robert Kellogg, sleeve	17 50	
Boston Bolt Co., bolts	54	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	50	
Balance		37 17
	$44 27	$44 27

INTEREST

Received interest on deposit and note		$49 37
" hydrant rent		4,890 00
" for water for fountains		300 00
" for water for street sprinkling		500 00
" from receipts for water		2,685 63
Paid interest on bonds and note	$8,425 00	
	$8,425 00	$8,425 00

MAIN PIPE LINE

Received for labor and lowering pipe		$111 13
Paid Pay roll	$134 65	
Boston Bolt Co., bolts	1 18	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	77 90	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	1 65	
Builders' Iron Foundry, specials	10 80	
Lynchburg Foundry Co., pipe	356 78	
Boston & Lockport Block Co., blocks	4 80	
D. C. Temple estate, land damage	115 36	
Amount carried forward	$703 12	$111 13

Amount brought forward	$703 12	$111 13
R. F. Hudson, labor	93 62	
James A. Bancroft, surveying	4 00	
Chadwick Boston Lead Co., pig lead	40 39	
H. L. Bond Co., ladle	1 15	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	3 51	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire	37 50	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., hydrant	33 68	
Geo. A. Shackford, teaming	8 18	
O. O. Ordway, sharpening tools	4 15	
Walworth Mfg. Co., gate boxes	3 75	
Car fares	95	
Balance		822 87
	$934 00	$934 00

SERVICE PIPES

Received appropriation		$1,000 00
" for pipe laid		653 05
Paid Pay roll	$547 19	
American Express Co.	75	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., fittings	7 17	
E. M. Dart Mfg. Co., s and w cocks	55 20	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	4 79	
Braman, Dow & Co., pipe	49 83	
Tenney, Morse & Co., pipe	11 07	
Francis Bros.	44	
T. C. Fife, pipe and fittings	11 65	
H. Mueller Mfg. Co., fittings	53 60	
Geo. H. Atkinson, oil	8 25	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	7 05	
Walworth Mfg. Co., pipe and fittings	189 99	
Amount carried forward	$946 98	$1,653 05

Amount brought forward	$946 98	$1,653 05
Perrin, Seamans & Co., handles	1 84	
H. L. Bond Co., handles and tools	8 16	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire	175 50	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., valves	16 39	
Lead Lined Iron Pipe Co., pipe	265 44	
O. O. Ordway, sharpening tools	16 30	
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., lead pipe	42 10	
John A. Blunt, repairing tools	50	
Car fares	2 75	
Balance	177 09	
	$1,653 05	$1,653 05

METERS

Paid F. H. Parker & Son, express	$ 1 25	
The Semisteel Co., cover	1 53	
Pay roll	12 85	
National Meter Co., meters	160 00	
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings	17 38	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	1 17	
Chas. F. Merrill, meter box covers	75 00	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire	1 50	
O. O. Ordway, iron work	1 65	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., drain pipe	57 00	
Francis Bros., fittings	1 08	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	70	
Harold L. Bond Co., iron	72	
		$331 83

EXPERIMENTAL FILTER

Paid Francis Bros., labor and fittings	$18 67	
E. L. Knott Apparatus Co.	4 17	
Amount carried forward	$22 84	

Amount brought forward	$22 84	
Morss & Whyte, wire	4 60	
Eastern Drug Co., soda	5 00	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	3 15	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., lumber	18 83	
The Sumner & Goodwin Co., tank	4 25	
Braman, Dow & Co., pipe and fittings	5 46	
S. D. Hicks & Son, tanks	29 50	
Henry Carmichael, water analysis	12 50	
Dodge Mfg. Co., pulleys, etc.	3 82	
Coffin Valve Mfg. Co., castings	2 50	
H. L. Bond Co., iron	25	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., shafting, etc.	21 11	
Eimer & Amend, chemicals	14 99	
Geo. H. Atkinson, soda	4 06	
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings	10 86	
Bausch & Bomb Optical Co.	1 25	
Hanson & Barbour, water analysis	40 00	
Pay roll	5 40	
Robert Spurr Weston, engineer	134 93	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire	2 25	
O. P. Symonds & Son, lumber	75	
A. S. Cook & Co., cloth	20	
American Express Co.	65	
Whitall, Tatum Co., chemical apparatus	3 40	
Dennison Co., labels	10	
Car fares	9 90	
		$362 55

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash balance from 1903	$75 93	
Interest on deposits and note	49 37	
Appropriation for service pipes	1,000 00	
Amount carried forward	$1,125 30	

Amount brought forward	$1,125 30	
Appropriation for painting	300 00	
Hydrant rent	4,890 00	
Water for drinking fountains	300 00	
Water for street sprinkling	500 00	
Meter rates	10,161 40	
Fines and summons	18 05	
Service pipes	653 05	
Main pipe	111 13	
Main pipe maintenance	7 10	
Rent of house	180 00	
Rent of office	66 00	
Wood, coal and telephone	17 43	
Paid Interest		$8,425 00
Maintenance		1,711 93
Pumping station maintenance		2,615 97
Filter maintenance		1,212 19
Meter maintenance		389 03
Service pipe maintenance		64 32
Main pipe maintenance		44 27
Painting standpipe		615 96
Painting house		120 00
Main pipe		934 00
Service pipe		1,475 96
Meters		331 83
Experimental filter		362 55
Cash on hand		26 45
	$18,329 46	$18,329 46

SUMMARY OF COST OF PLANT

Reported last year	$287,833 96
Main pipe	822 87
Service pipe	822 91
Meters	331 83
	$289,811 57

The Board recommends that $4,920.00 be raised and appropriated for hydrant rental; that $300.00 be raised and appropriated for drinking fountains, and that $500.00 be raised and appropriated for street sprinkling.

The interest payable the current fiscal year amounts to $8,145.00, as follows:

$192,000 00	for one year . . .	$7,680 00
7,000 00	for six months . . .	140 00
10,000 00	for one year	325 00
		$8,145 00

The Board recommends that $500.00 be raised and appropriated for service pipes.

With the exception of the threatened danger to the pipe lines from electrolysis, referred to in the Superintendent's report, the general condition of the plant is satisfactory, and your Board sees no prospect of any extraordinary expenses during the coming year.

We propose to investigate the pipe lines with reference to their electrical condition and shall do what we can to prevent any further trouble from electrolytic action.

In our investigation, looking to an improvement in the quality of the water supplied to consumers, we have not met with the success we had hoped for. The conditions in Reading being, as far as we have been able to ascertain, unique, we have to conduct our investigations along original lines with no precedents to guide us, and have encountered many unexpected obstacles.

We have engaged an experienced sanitary engineer to aid us, Mr. Robert Spurr Weston of Boston, and under his direction are making progress toward a solution of the problem, which we expect will be satisfactory from both the financial and engineering standpoints.

HENRY R. JOHNSON,
E. HARLEY GOWING,
GEO. A. SHACKFORD,
Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF WATER REGISTRAR

Amount of water bills rendered, 1904	$10,126 67	
abatement	46 28	
	$10,080 39	
Amount collected		$9,867 85
uncollected		212 54
		$10,080 39
Amount of 1903 bills uncollected	$316 21	
abatement	114 19	
	$202 02	
Amount collected		$202 02
Amount of 1902 bills uncollected	$153 53	
abatement	117 80	
	$35 73	
Amount collected		$35 73
Amount of bills previous to 1902 uncollected	$102 80	
abatement	47 00	
	$55 80	
Amount collected		$55 80
Service pipe bills rendered in 1904	$673 48	
Service pipe bills previous years	64 93	
	$738 41	
Amount collected		$653 05
uncollected		85 36
		$738 41

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, *Registrar.*

Reading, Jan. 3, 1905.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Reading Water Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904.

The extension of mains has been 950.5 feet of six inch pipe, as follows: Lowell street, 761.5 feet; Middlesex avenue, 189 feet. One new hydrant was placed on Lowell street, opposite the residence of C. M. Barrows.

The pipe on Main street has been lowered in two places to allow for culverts under the State highway. Three leaking hydrants have been repaired. The hydrant at the corner of Main and Mill streets was replaced and lengthened out on account of a change in grade of the street at that point. All the hydrants were examined in November and left in good condition.

There have been twenty-seven services put in during the year, making a total of eleven hundred and eighty-nine. Forty-nine service boxes have been repaired and lowered, and three service leaks repaired, two from defective soldering on lead connections and one from electrolytic action on a pipe passing under the electric railroad track on Summer avenue, near the corner of Woburn street. In one place on this pipe the iron was all eaten away, leaving only the thin lead lining.

In a test recently made at this service it was found that the difference in potential between the east rail and the service shut off was fifteen volts. This shows that a large amount of current is escaping from the railroad tracks to our pipe lines, and we may expect trouble from that source at any time.

The following table will show the amount of service pipe in use:

	6 inch Cast Iron	1½ inch Galvanized	1¼ inch Enamelled	1¼ inch Galvanized	1 inch Galvanized	1 inch Lead Lined	¾ inch Lead Lined	1 inch Cement Lined	¾ inch Cement Lined	2 inch Galvanized	¾ inch Galvanized
Owned by the town		435	33.7	12376.5	181.7	870.8	20394.3	367.1	9957.5	1662.2	1425.
Owned by individuals	814	19	123.	945.7	90.4	50.	21471.9	78.	12663.2	303.6	1069.7
Total	814	454	156.7	13322.2	272.1	920.8	41866.2	445.1	22620.7	1965.8	2494.7

The following kinds and sizes of meters are in use:

No.	Name	Sizes				
		2 in.	1½ in.	1 in. ⊥ ι	¾ in.	⅝ in.
80	Crown	1	.....	.....	1	78
558	Nash	....	3	4	.....	551
196	Empire	1	.....	.....	.....	195
4	Gem	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
41	Lambert	.....	.....	2	.....	39
12	Thompson	1	.....	1	.....	10
1	Worthington	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
2	Worthington Disc	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
113	Hersey Disc	1	3	4	.....	105
	Neptune	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Union Rotary	3	.....	3	.....	5
30	Columbia	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
1	Niagara	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
1049		12	6	14	1	1016

YEARLY RECORD OF PUMPING SERVICE

From Jan. 1, 1904, to Jan. 1, 1905

Month	No. Days	No. Hours	No. Min.	Gallons Pumped	Total Head	Pounds Coal	Rain Fall
January	31	139		4,399,193	219	39,664	4.42
February	29	129		4,162,529		36,858	2.21
March	31	139	45	4,655,427		37,642	2.21
April	30	124	15	4,063,112		32,561	9.90
May	31	145		4,632,005		37,358	3.56
June	30	158		5,150,752		40,185	2.56
July	31	177	45	5,962,235		44,967	1.88
August	31	151	45	5,140,374		37,302	4.26
September	30	141		4,703,805		36,533	5.16
October	30	528	30	4,812,479		44,522	2.02
November	30	127	45	4,151,542		37,218	1.80
December	31	136	45	4,445,864		42 010	2.25
				56,279,377		466,820	42.23

Table showing amount of rain and melted snow in inches for the year ending Dec. 31, 1904:

Day of Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Day of Month
1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.. .	....	1
2	....	....	...	1.37	....	.33	....	1.89	.19	....	....	....	2
3	.52	....	.90	....	....	.16	....	.03	....	.05	....	....	3
4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.02	...	....	.02	4
5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	5
6	....	....	....	....	...	....	.70	. ..	....	.28	....	....	6
7	....	...	.73	.18	....	1.35	....	....	....	...	....	...	7
8	....	.36	....	....	....	.03	....	.61	....	....	....	....	8
9	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.38	.11	....	....	9
10	.74	....	....	1.50	.94	....	....	...	....	....	....	. ..	10
11	...	....	....	....	.09	....	....	.38	.07	....	....	....	11
12	....	....	....	.49	....	....	....	....	.13	.90	....	....	12
13	....	....	...	....	....	....	.18	....	....	....	....	.23	13
14	1.25	....	....	....	....	....	....	.06	....	....	1.72	....	14
15	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3.69	....	....	....	15
16	. ..	.86	....	....	.38	....	....	....	....	...	....	..	16
17	....	....	....	.56	....	....	.09	...	....	....	....	....	17
18	....	....	....	....	...	...	....	. ..	....	.. .	....	.54	18
19	....	....	.55	....	.61	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	19
20	....	....	....	....	.13	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20
21	...	....	....	.45	.14	....	....	1.29	.03	.50	....	....	21
22	....	....	....	. ..	....	.03	....	....	....	....	....	....	22
23	1.08	.99	.03	....	....	.23	....	....	....	....	....	....	23
24	...	....	....	....	....	....	.36	....	....	....	....	....	24
25	.68	....	....	.12	.13	....	....	.. .	.15	....	....	....	25
26	...	....	....	....	75	.43	.26	....	....	.18	....	....	26
27	....	....	....	....	.05	....	.06	....	.04	...	....	....	27
28	....	....	. ..	3.09	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	1.46	28
29	....	....	....	2.07	....	.. .	.23	....	....	....	....	....	29
30	.15	....	....	.07	....	...	....	....	.46	....	.08	....	30
31	....	....	....	....	.34	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	31
	4.42	2.21	2.21	9.90	3.56	2.56	1.88	4.26	5.16	2.02	1.80	2.25	

The average rainfall for Massachusetts is 45.53 inches. The rainfall at Reading Pumping Station in 1904 was 42.23 inches, which is 3.30 inches less than the average. The deficiency occurred in the months of February, March, June, July, August, October, November and December, while the rainfall for January, April, May and September was more than the average for those months.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Analysis of Water from Reading Water Works

Parts in 100,000

No.	Date of Collection	Date of Examination	Appearance: Turbidity	Appearance: Sediment	Appearance: Color	Odor: Cold	Odor: Hot	Residue on Evaporation	Ammonia: Free	Ammonia: Albuminoid	Chlorine	Nitrogen as Nitrates	Nitrogen as Nitrites	Oxygen consumed	Hardness	Iron	
	1904	1904															
48717	Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Decided	Cons.	.40	None	None	7.20	.0108	.0108	.53	.0020	.0000	.33	2.6	.1500	Filter Gallery
48718	Jan. 26	Jan. 27	None	None	.13	None	None	15.40	.0076	.0064	.53	.0030	.0003	.25	9.2	.0050	Filier Weir
48719	Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Slight	None	.14	None	None	6.60	.0004	.0064	.54	.0210	.0000	.20	2.7	.0210	Ex Filter
48984	Mar. 8	Mar. 9	Decided	Cons.	Fl. tur .42	None	Faint. earth.	7.80	.0100	.0100	.53	.0080	.0001	.42	3.3	.2400	Filter Gallery
48985	Mar. 8	Mar. 9	None	None	.20	None	None	14.50	.0076	.0072	.50	.0060	.0004	.30	8.9	.0200	Filter Weir
48986	Mar. 8	Mar. 9	Slight	None	.11	None	None	7.20	.0002	.0056	.52	.0080	.0000	.19	2.7	.0200	Ex. Filter
49048	Mar. 22	Mar. 22	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Turbid.45	Faint. earth.	Faint. earth.	7.60	.0102	.0088	.55	.0040	.0001	.43	2.9	.2100	Filter Gallery
49049	Mar. 22	Mar. 22	Slight	Very slight	.22	None	None	13.80	.0056	.0066	.54	.0050	.0005	.25	9.4	.0400	Filter Weir
49050	Mar. 22	Mar. 22	Slight	Very slight	.12	None	*Very F. U.	7.50	.0006	.0064	.51	.0100	.0000	.20	2.9	.0270	Ex. Filter
49141	Apr. 5	Apr. 6	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Fil. .42	None	None	7.20	.0098	.0106	.49	.0030	.0001	.43	3.1	.2000	Filter Gallery
49142	Apr. 5	Apr. 6	Very slight	None	.21	None	None	14.40	.0072	.0074	.50	.0030	.0003	.29	8.9	.0280	Filter Weir
49143	Apr. 5	Apr. 6	Slight milky	None	.20	Faintly Un.	Faintly Un.	6.70	.0006	.0072	.53	.0040	.0000	.28	3.1	.0500	Ex. Filter
49236	Apr. 18	Apr. 20	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Turbid.55	None	None	7.10	.0092	.0106	.48	.0030	.0000	.49	2.9	.2000	Filter Gallery
49237	Apr. 18	Apr. 20	Very slight	None	.23	None	None	14.90	.0066	.0082	.48	.0020	.0003	.28	9.1	.0270	Filter Weir
49238	Apr. 18	Apr. 20	Slight iron	V. slight iron	.27	None	None	6.40	.0002	.0084	.48	.0010	.0000	.26	2.9	.0680	Ex. Filter
49369	May 5	May 6	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Turbid.60	Faint' earth.	Faint. earth.	6.40	.0080	.0102	.46	.0020	.0001	.56	3 0	.2000	Fiiter Gallery
49370	May 5	May 6	Very slight	None	.41	None	None	13.60	.0056	.0094	.47	.0030	.0003	.46	8.1	.1000	Filter Weir
49371	May 5	May 6	Slight	None	.37	None	None	6.00	.0004	.0108	.47	.0000	.0000	.32	2.2	.0950	Ex. Filter
49464	May 17	May 17	Decided	Cons.	Turbid.72	None	None	6.90	.0088	.0138	.46	.0050	.0000	.66	2.9	.2000	Fllter Gallery
49465	May 17	May 17	None	None	.28	None	None	15.60	.0066	.0070	.47	.0020	.0003	.37	10.3	.0120	Filter Weir
49466	May 17	May 17	Very slight	None	.12	None	None	6.40	.0004	.0066	.47	.0050	.0000	.24	2.7	.0160	Ex. Filter
49560	May 31	June 1	Decided	Cons.	.23	None	Faint. earth.	6.90	.0094	.0188	.48	.0020	.0000	.85	2.6	.2500	Filter Gallery
49561	May 31	June 1	Slight	Very slight	.24	None	None	16.00	.0046	.0090	.48	.0020	.0003	.35	10.3	.0120	Filter Weir
49683	June 14	June 14	Slight	Cons. iron	1.06	None	*Very F. U.	7.50	.0118	.0182	.51	.0050	.0001	.88	3.0	.2200	Filter Gallery
49684	June 14	June 14	Slight	C. silky, iron	.31	*Very F. U.	*Very F. U.	18.20	.0082	.0116	.49	.0030	.0005	.46	11.2	.0650	Filter Weir
49685	June 14	June 14	Slight	None	.54	Dist. V, Un.	Dist. V. Un.	7.40	.0020	.0054	.49	.0030	.0000	.60	1.7	.0850	Ex. Filter
49869	June 28	June 29	Decided	Cons. iron	Fl. tur .80	None	None	8.10	.0120	.0168	.47	.0010	.0000	.70	2.3	.2300	Filter Gallery
49870	June 28	June 29	None	Very slight	.29	None	None	17.90	.0076	.0098	.51	.0030	.0004	.39	11.3	.0120	Filter Weir
49871	June 28	June 29	Slight milky	None	Iron .72	D. disagree.	D. disagree.	6.40	.0008	.0068	.51	.0030	.0000	.54	1.7	.1700	Ex. Filter
50096	July 13	July 13	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Iron	None	None	7.20	.0118	.0154	.51	.0040	.0000	.75	2.1	.2400	Filter Gallery
50097	July 13	July 13	None	None	.31	None	None	17.80	.0106	.0104	.52	.0000	.0004	.43	10.9	.0080	Filter Weir
50098	July 13	July 13	Slight	None	Turbid.45	Distinct. Un.	Faintly Un.	7.00	.0004	.0104	.49	.0010	.0000	.35	2.2	.1400	Ex. Filter
50394	July 26	July 27	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Turbid.70	None	*Very F. U.	6.70	.0096	.0114	.52	.0050	.0000	.58	2.3	.1900	Filter Gallery
50395	July 26	July 27	Very slight	Cons.	.18	None	*Very F. U.	15.70	.0066	.0060	.49	.0040	.0007	.29	10.0	.0180	Filter Weir
50396	July 26	July 27	Decided iron	Very slight	Turbid.58	Distinct. Un.	Distinct. Un.	6.30	.0012	.0120	.50	.0050	.0000	.44	1.7	.1400	Ex. Filter
50577	Aug. 9	Aug. 9	Decided	C. iron, ropy	.70	*Very F. Un.	*Very F. Un.	7.10	.0096	.0096	.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
50578	Aug. 9	Aug. 9	None	None	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

50579	Aug. 9	Aug. 9	Decided	Slightly iron	Pr. C	1.00	D. disagree.	Disagreeable	8.70	.0012	.0216	.52	.0010	.0000	.65	3.1	.3600	Ex. Filter
50891	Aug. 24	Aug. 25	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Fl. tur	.65	None	None	6.70	.0112	.0116	.51	.0050	.0000	.50	2.3	.2000	Filter Gallery
50892	Aug. 24	Aug. 25	Very slight	None			None	None	14.30	.0094	.0088	.51	.0040	.0007	.30	8.9	.0130	Filter Weir
51080	Sept. 6	Sept. 7	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Turbid.	.50	None	None	7.00	.0096	.0092	.51	.0050	.0001	.46	2.3	.2000	Filter Gallery
51081	Sept. 6	Sept. 7	None	Slight		.15	None	None	14.70	.0058	.0074	.51	.0070	.0006	.29	8.3	.0220	Filter Weir
51082	Sept. 6	Sept. 7	Decided iron	Very slight	Turbid.	.50	Faintly Un.	Faintly Un.	7.10	.0000	.0076	.51	.0040	.0000	.31	2.5	.1900	Ex. Filter
51309	Sept. 20	Sept. 21	Decided	Cons.	Fl. tur	.50	None	None	7.10	.0100	.0074	.50	.0030	.0000	.41	2.5	.1900	Filter Gallery
51310	Sept. 20	Sept. 21	None	None		.12	None	None	12.20	.0076	.0064	.50	.0030	.0006	.23	6.8	.0050	Filter Weir
51514	Oct. 4	Oct. 5	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Fil.	.50	Faint. earth.	Faint. earth.	7.90	.0124	.0108	.51	.0020	.0001	.50	2.3	.2400	Filter Gallery
51515	Oct. 4	Oct. 5	Very slight	None		.20	None	Faint. woody	15.30	.0074	.0078	.53	.0020	.0006	.32	9.0	.0080	Filter Weir
51731	Oct. 18	Oct. 19	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Iron		None	None	8.00	.0124	.0116	.52	.0040	.0001	.58	2.9	.2700	Filter Gallery
51732	Oct. 18	Oct. 19	None	None		.14	None	Faintly Un.	13.00	.0040	.0090	.53	.0070	.0013	.30	7.8	.0060	Filter Weir
52005	Nov. 8	Nov. 9	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Iron	.60	None	None	8.50	.0122	.0098	.52	.0100	.0000	.43	2.9	.2600	Filter Gallery
52006	Nov. 8	Nov. 9	Very slight	None		.18	None	None	12.70	.0092	.0080	.54	.0070	.0011	.24	7.3	.0070	Filter Weir
52197	Nov. 22	Nov. 23	Decided	Cons.	Turbid	52	None	None	9.70	.0126	.0092	.53	.0040	.0000	.40	2.3	.3000	Filter Gallery
52198	Nov. 22	Nov. 23	None	None		.15	None	None	14.10	.0096	.0064	52	.0030	.0009	.23	7.6	.0080	Filter Weir
52199	Nov. 22	Nov. 23	Slight milky	None		.28	None	*Very F. U.	8.10	.0006	.0042	.51	.0070	.0000	.14	2.5	.1050	Ex. Filter
52424	Dec. 13	Dec. 14	Decided	S. floc. iron		.32	*Very F. Un.	*Very F. U.	8.40	.0110	.0078	.54	.0010	.0000	.40	3.0	.3000	Filter Gallery
52425	Dec. 13	Dec. 14	None	None		.09	None	None	12 00	.0090	.0060	.53	.0030	.0006	.19	6.8	.0020	Filter Weir
52426	Dec. 13	Dec. 14	None	None		.05	None	None	7.10	.0004	.0036	.53	.0030	.0000	.13	2.7	.0230	Ex. Filter
52528	Dec. 20	Dec. 21	Decided	S. floc. iron		.34	None	*Very F. U.	8.70	.0116	.0092	.51	.0040	.0000	.40	3.4	.2500	Filter Gallery
52529	Dec. 20	Dec. 21	None	None		.06	None	*Very F. U.	11.80	.0088	.0058	.54	.0030	.0003	.20	6.5	.0010	Filter Weir
52530	Dec. 20	Dec. 21	None	None		.04	None	*Very F. U.	6.80	.0004	.0042	.54	.0030	.0000	.11	2.7	.0180	Ex. Filter

*Very Faintly Unpleasant

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1904

In form recommended by the New England Water Works Association.

Reading Water Works

Reading, Middlesex County, Mass.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population by Census of 1900, 4,969.

Date of construction, 1890 and 1891.

By whom owned, Town of Reading.

Source of supply, filter gallery.

Mode of supply, pumping.

PUMPING STATISTICS

1. Builders of Pumping Machinery, G. F. Blake Mfg. Co.

2. Description of fuel used
   - *a.* Kind, coal.
   - *b.* Brand of coal, Pocahontas.
   - *c.* Average price of coal per gross ton delivered, $5.35.
   - *d.* Percentage of ash,
   - *e.* Wood, price per cord, $

3. Coal consumed for the year, 466,820 lbs.

4. [Pounds of wood consumed] divided by 3 equals equivalent amount of coal, lbs.

4*a*. Amount of other fuel used,

5. Total equivalent coal consumed for the year equals (3) plus (4), lbs.

6. Total pumpage for the year, 56,279,377 gallons, without allowance for slip.
7. Average static head against which pumps work, 219 feet.
8. Average dynamic head against which pumps work, 240 feet.
9. Number of gallons pumped per pound of equivalent coal (5), 120.
10. Duty equals $\frac{\text{gallons pumped (6) x 8.34 (lbs.) x 100 x dynamic head (8)}}{\text{Total fuel consumed (5)}}$ equals 24,131,106.

    Cost of pumping, figured on pumping station expenses, viz., $3,635.73.
11. Per million gallons pumped, $64.60.
12. Per million gallons raised one foot (dynamic), $0.269.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURES			
Balance brought forward:		$75 93	*Water Works Maintenance:*			
(*a*) From ordinary (maintenance) receipts		337 95	AA. Operation (management and repairs)	$6,037 71		
			BB. Special:			
			Painting	735 96		
Total		$413 88	CC. Total maintenance		$6,773 67	
From Water Rates.			DD. Interest on bonds		8,425 00	
B. Meter rates	$10,161 40		CC plus DD	15,198 67		
C. Total from consumers		$10,161 40	*Water Works Construction:*			
D. For hydrants	4,890 00		GG. Extension of mains	934 00		
E. For fountains	300 00		HH. Extension of services	1,475 96		
F. For street watering	500 00		II. Extension of meters	331 83		
J. Total from municipal depts.		5,690 00	JJ. Special:			
K. From tax levy		1,300 00	Experimental filter	362 55		
M. From other sources:			KK. Total construction		3,104 34	
Service pipes		653 05	Total balance		26 45	
Main pipes		111 13				
N. Total		$18,329 46	N. Total		$18,329 46	

DISPOSITION OF BALANCE—Carried to New Account

O.	Net cost of works to date	$289,811 96
P.	Bonded debt at date.	209,000 00
Q.	Value of sinking fund at date, none	
R.	Average rate of interest, 4 per cent.	

STATISTICS OF CONSUMPTION OF WATER

1. Estimated total population at date, 5000.
2. Estimated population on lines of pipe, 4860.
3. Estimated population supplied, 4553.
4. Total consumption for the year, 56,279,377 gallons.
5. Passed through meters, gallons.
6. Percentage of consumption metered,
7. Average daily consumption, 154,190 gallons.
8. Gallons per day to each inhabitant, 30.83.
9. Gallons per day to each consumer, 33.86.
10. Gallons per day to each tap, 129.67.
11. Cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance (item CC), $120.37.
12. Total cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance plus interest on bonds, $270.05.

STATISTICS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

MAINS

1. Kind of pipe, cast iron.
2. Sizes, from 6 inch to 12 inch.
3. Extended 950.5 feet during the year.
4. Discontinued 0 feet during the year.
5. Total now in use, 28.6649 miles.
6. Cost of repairs per mile, $1.30.
7. Number of leaks per mile, none.
8. Length of pipe less than 4 inches diam., none miles.
9. Number of hydrants added during year (public and private) 1.
10. Number of hydrants (public and private) now in use, 164.
11. Number of stop gates added during year, 1.
12. Number of stop gates now in use, 249.

13. Number of stop gates smaller than 4-inch, none.
14. Number of blow-offs, 14.
15. Range of pressure on mains, 63 lbs. to 78 lbs.

SERVICES

16. Kind of pipe, cast iron, lead and cement lined.
17. Sizes, 3-4 to 6 inches.
18. Extended, 3476.6 feet.
19. Discontinued, 72 feet.
20. Total now in use, 15.9965 miles.
21. Number of service taps added during year, 27.
22. Number now in use, 1189.
23. Average length of service, 128 feet.
24. Average cost of service for the year, $54.66.
25. Number of meters added, 14.
26. Number now in use, 1049.
27. Percentage of services metered, .88.
28. Percentage of receipts from metered water (B divided by C), 100.
29. Number of motors and elevators added,
30. Number now in use, 4.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, *Superintendent.*

Reading, Jan. 23, 1905.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF READING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1904

School Committee

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman*, Walnut St.,	Term expires		1905
GILMAN L. PARKER, *Sec'y*, Washington St.,	"	"	1906
HORACE G. WADLIN, Woburn St.,	"	"	1905
MRS. ELIZABETH H. BROWN, Prospect St.,	"	"	1906
MRS. MARY L. NESMITH, Main St.,	"	"	1907
HENRY C. PARKER, Chute St.,	"	"	1907

Superintendent of Schools
MELVILLE A. STONE

Truant Officer
A. A. SMITH

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman.*
GILMAN L. PARKER, *Secretary.*

SUB-COMMITTEES

Finances and Accounts

G. L. Parker — H. G. Wadlin

Books and Supplies

W. S. Parker — Mrs. Nesmith

School Houses and Property

H. G. Wadlin — H. C. Parker

G. L. Parker

Rules and Regulations

H. C. Parker — H. G. Wadlin

Mrs. Brown

Teachers and Salaries

W. S. Parker — Mrs. Nesmith

G. L. Parker

Music and Drawing

Mrs. Brown — Mrs. Nesmith

Course of Study

H. G. Wadlin — W. S. Parker

Mrs. Nesmith

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

In accordance with law and custom the School Committee submits the following report on the work of the schools during the year ending March 1st, 1905.

The attention of every citizen is earnestly solicited to the financial report of the expenses connected with the management of the schools. We desire to call special attention to the list of teachers and the salaries.

The teachers employed have shown, during the past year, an earnestness of purpose, a devotion to duty, and a zeal for the work, that is highly appreciated by the Committee and all parents and friends.

The teachers in the High School have worked under peculiar and trying circumstances, and we record, with much pleasure, the spirit and attitude of all concerned toward the accomplishment of the work.

There are now 258 pupils in the school, a large increase over the enrollment at any other period of the school's history. In June, 1903, there were 164 pupils in the school; in September, 1903, 218; in November, 1904, 258,—or 57 per cent. over the number in June, 1903. The school is arranged by classes as follows: The first year pupils number 84; the second year 61; the third year 53; the fourth year, or graduating class, 54; specials, 6,—making a total of 258. It seems unnecessary to add that the increased enrollment in the High School necessitates increased expense.

The school never was in better condition to do good work than at the present time, as far as teaching force is concerned. We have a larger number of college graduates in the faculty than ever before, and in calling attention to this fact we would not, even by implication, detract from the splendid work done by many of the

worthy and beloved teachers of the past, who, by their faithful work, have left behind them imperishable memories.

We hope and trust that the new building will soon be under way; but in the meantime we shall be obliged to work under great disadvantages. The school next year will be larger than at present and all work will be done under difficulties.

In directing attention to the salaries we would emphasize the fact that the greater part of our teachers are receiving very small yearly salaries, when we consider the expenditure of time and money necessary in preparing for the work of teaching, the high price of board and of wearing apparel. It must be born in mind that the teacher is obliged to incur many expenses due to her position.

The Sheak house is now being used for the overflow of pupils from the lowest primary class. By putting in one extra window on the south side, it mades a very good room.

APPROPRIATIONS

The Committee recommends the sum of $27,000 for regular school expenses, and $5000 for school incidentals.

Adopted in Committee, Jan. 20, 1905.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman.*
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HORACE G. WADLIN.
MARY L. NESMITH.
ELIZABETH H. BROWN.
HENRY C. PARKER.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of the Town of Reading:

My sixth annual report, the twelfth in the series, is herewith respectfully submitted.

The past year has brought about great change, especially in the High School. With an enrollment exceeding two hundred and fifty last September, it was thought best to organize the school in two sections, the Senior and Junior classes attending from 8 to 11 A. M., and the Sophomore and Freshman classes from 11.30 A. M. to 3 P. M., which was changed to a half-hour later for the winter months.

Although this proved a strong test on the loyalty of the people to the school management, they rose to the emergency, as Reading people always do, with good grace and I desire personally to express my hearty appreciation of this evident purpose of the parents to make the best of trying conditions which must continue until our new High School is ready for use.

In the past year a great change has taken place in the corps of teachers of the High School. The first loss was occasioned by the resignation of Miss Scott. By her resignation the High School lost one of its most popular teachers. Miss Alice English of Wesleyan University was secured to take her work.

Soon after this the Sub-Master, Fred W. Gentleman, was elected to a position in the Portsmouth, N. H., High School, at an increase of salary, and Mr. W. W. Keyes of Bates College was elected to succeed him.

Shortly after, Miss Mildred L. Powell was suddenly summoned

home to attend her sick mother, and Miss Ella S. Mosher was secured to finish her work for the spring term. Miss Marion G. Richardson of Boston University was secured to take the work in September.

The resignation of Miss Mason caused a vacancy which was filled by the election of Miss Mary J. Bourne, M. A., of Vassar College and Brown University.

The determination of Miss Gertrude Brown to leave the work of teaching, made it necessary to secure a teacher of French and German. Miss Alice I. Mandell of Boston University was secured for this work.

Miss Edith R. Clapp, M. A., Brown University, was secured to take the work in Botany, Zoology and Physiology.

The departure of Miss Mabel S. Robbins from the department of English caused a vacancy which was filled by the election of Miss Florence B. Messer of Mt. Holyoke College to take special charge of the English work throughout the school. The Master, Mr. Harry T. Watkins, M. A., Miss Jennie E. Wier and Miss Jennie F. Currier complete the present corps of teachers.

With so many changes and so large an enrollment the reorganizing of the school has been a task of no ordinary difficulty. Accordingly it gives me the greater pleasure to report that this has been accomplished in a very satisfactory manner, and the spirit of helpful co-operation on the part of the pupils was never more marked than at present.

To make possible proper instruction in some subjects it has been necessary to make considerable addition to the equipment of the laboratories. It is only in recent years that pupils have been allowed to offer what are known as College Physics and College Chemistry as part of their preparation for higher institutions, and our school has never had a complete equipment for these subjects. Taking these things into account, together with the fact that we now have a class of twenty electing these subjects, compared with six or eight in former years, we can readily account for the unusual expense for apparatus this year, and also understand how the cost

must continue until each topic in these subjects is properly equipped to meet the required standard of work.

In the Commercial Course the high standard of previous years is still maintained, while additional office work is made possible from the increased enrollment of the school.

The installation of the system of diploma points, recommended by Mr. Watkins in last year's report, has proved a step in the right direction. It has gone far toward solving the vexing problem of promotion, in that it allows the student to continue steadily in his course as fast as he satisfactorily completes any one subject, and does not necessitate his being held back in all courses because a marked deficiency in one or perhaps two subjects brings his average below the passing mark. In other words, he receives credit for what he earns as he would in the world of business.

In the rhetoricals, an attempt has been made to make these exercises more nearly furnish to the public an illustration of the actual work going on in the school. A series of four exercises will be held during the winter, at which entirely original papers, actually prepared as class exercises, will be presented by the members of the several classes. This will not only give the participants a drill in public speaking, which is the primary object of such exercises, but will also give the friends of the school a glimpse of the real work going on there, which they would not otherwise obtain.

The recommendation of the Master that some credit be given for work done in Music has also been followed, and we now allow one diploma credit for each of the four years' work in Music.

Regarding the giving credit for work done in Music during High School age, I wish to quote the report of The Music Conference under the auspices of the New England Educational League.

"Popular education, or training of the people, tends to a recognition of every subject of instruction at due valuation."

"The elective idea, which is already well established, and which, properly guarded, is evidently destined to expand, has a bearing on the introduction of a subject of this kind into the body of public instruction. Some of the disadvantages, not to say the

evils, of the present neglect of Music in public education are well understood. Among them we cite a frequent example: A youth reaches the High School age, desiring to study Music with a serious purpose, which desire is approved by parents and teachers. He is met by these school conditions: *First:* He must add Music to his High School course as an out of school study and thus run the peril of over-crowding, a condition which occasions much parental complaint, and may result in permanent injury to the pupil; or, *Second:* He must drop Music, which, in the deliberate opinion of his advisors, may be to him one of the most valuable studies of the High School period; or, *Third:* He must leave the High School; for the present school system neither teaches, credits, nor favors the serious study of Music. As affirmed by an experienced High School principal, most pupils of a decided musical talent, who continue the study of Music, drop out of the High School, and thus lose the advantages of the liberal courses of study there furnished.

"These conditions affect the college and higher education as well as the lower schools, and work detriment in various ways. They make it difficult for parents to carry forward the musical education of their children and at the same time to secure the general High School advantages. They curtail the opportunity of the musical element of society for literary and general training."

These thoughts recall to our minds the remarks of our chairman, at one of our recent graduation exercises, in which he referred to the strong probability that in the not remote future our boys and girls in school would receive thorough training in music, both vocal and instrumental, just as they now receive instruction in the languages or in science.

It certainly is a matter in which our citizens may take just pride, that they have a committee so appreciative of the value of Music in the education of our youth, that they are ready to place the Reading High School among the very few that allow a credit for Music.

In the grade work, with the exception of the Highland School and Lowell Street, the same teachers are in charge, and each

teacher appears to be making effort to surpass her previous good record.

Miss Myra Parker was assigned to the new Primary school opened in the Sheak building, and Miss Marion H. Morgan was given the first Primary room thus left vacant at the Union street school. She has already given evidence of an acquaintance with the work that relieves us of all anxiety concerning the year's work in that room.

Upon the loss of Miss Gill, who was elected at Winchester at an advanced salary, the Lowell street school was provided for by the election of Miss Edith A. Wright.

At the Highland School we suffered the loss of Miss Hurlbutt, who was also elected at Winchester at an increase of salary. Miss Mary H. Barr was elected to succeed her. Late in the summer Miss Rosa E. Richardson decided to take the entire year for work at Hyannis Normal School and the committee granted her leave of absence for that purpose. Miss Wilhelmina Patterson was secured in time to begin her work on the second day of school.

That we suffered no more from towns of greater wealth is due to the fact that the committee made special effort to retain some of our teachers who were in demand elsewhere. Thus it happens that this year finds fewer changes in the grades than usual and the work was never in better condition. It is a concrete illustration of what might exist year after year if our efficient teachers could be retained.

Another loss was sustained by the resignation of Miss Mary J. Wilson, who has been in charge of the sewing since it was introduced into the schools. Her work was very fine and her influence on the girls under her instruction was an inspiration to them. Miss Grace E. Barclay was secured to take up the work, and we have reason to expect that the high standard already established will be maintained.

It is worthy of note that among the pupils of the upper Grammar grades there is an additional interest in reading, in books that are helpful in the regular work of the grade. This thought

found expression in a set of Young Folks' Library which the graduating class of 1904 purchased for the school.

Other classes have made a beginning of securing books for their own rooms and in some instances have procured suitable cases for them.

The annual School Reception held November 9th proved one of the most delightful of the series. Our people evidently feel that here is an opportunity for making the acquaintance of the teachers that is well worth the effort to improve.

For introducing new teachers and for enabling parents to consult teachers and the members of the School Committee in regard to anything looking toward the betterment of our school system this annual event realizes the expectation of the original promoters of the plan. In this matter the Reading committee are among a very few that give such an opportunity for the parents to meet in a social way those who have in charge the education of the children of the town.

During last winter a series of stereopticon lectures was given in Highland Hall, which proved very enjoyable to those who were fortunate enough to attend.

The price of the course ticket was placed as low as consistent with the expenses connected with the series, for the express purpose of giving as many as possible the opportunity of listening to such entertainments as could be furnished at that cost. A small balance was applied to the purchase of books.

When we remember that we were entertained by Hon. Arthur K. Peak in "The Wild West," by Minna Elliot Tenny in "A Summer in Norway," by Francis Heseltine in "The American Isthmian Canal," by Rev. Peter MacQueen in "The Philippines, Past and Future," we feel certain that no one could well criticise the quality of the entertainment offered. Each lecturer seemed to be in turn a favorite with our people and we felt that we were for the time making excellent use of our fine educational plant.

This was the chief object in giving this course and we hope that still other ways may be found to make our large school build-

ings educational centers for our people during the hours they are not required for the regular school work. We hope this use of our equipment will be found feasible from time to time.

During the last decade the study of nature in our elementary schools has undergone great changes. Instead of a series of perfunctory recitations, graciously styled "science lessons," given by a teacher of little preparation on the subject, educators are now demanding that the teaching in this subject shall be live, real, tangible. The aim of the teacher today is to lead her little ones to see, hear, understand, and enjoy the animal and vegetable life all about them.

In some of our larger communities, school authorities have found it possible to assist the child's study of nature, and also add greatly to the equipment for all-round development of our youth, by establishing school gardens, where each pupil is assigned definite garden work upon a plot of ground, larger or smaller, as space allows.

Our School Board have felt it to be impossible, under present conditions, to adopt any system of school gardening. However, the public spirit of the best part of the community is always to be found in the front of all advanced thought, and this year two of our most progressive organizations, the Civic League and the Woman's Club, generously came forward and assumed both the responsibility and the expense of introducing garden work to the boys and girls of our schools.

The children were induced to start home gardens. Prizes were offered for vegetable and floral exhibits of children's raising, and for themes written by them, giving their personal experience in garden work. Prizes were also offered for the greatest improvement in back-yards during the season. The Civic League gave to each child starting a garden five canna bulbs, and the President, Mr. Manning, contributed five hardy plants to each one.

The pupils entered upon the work with great enthusiasm, and much hard work was done during the summer, not only by the children, but also by the committee appointed to visit the gardens from time to time.

The matter culminated in a grand horticultural exhibit, given in Highland Hall in the early autumn, when each pupil brought the best specimens of his summer's work. The display was good, the pride of the exhibitors a delightful thing to see, and the awarding of prizes the occasion of joyful juvenile enthusiasm. The prize compositions were read, many of them proving unusually good ones for young writers. Through the courtesy of the Woman's Club, the children were entertained by a talk upon tree-growth, by Miss Rogers, of Cornell University.

On the whole those who had worked hard for the success of the cause felt that the results were extremely gratifying. We trust that this is but the beginning of a movement which will put child-gardening upon a permanent basis in our community.

From the report of the Supervisor of Music I wish to quote enough to give our people some idea of the plan on which he is working to secure a steady development of the musical ability of our pupils.

"In order to do thorough work in teaching the subject of music, a greater effort should be made to reach the individual. We ought to require more individual singing, there should be some written work, and properly devised tests should be given occasionally. The present allotment of time is barely sufficient to accomplish the results expected in ensemble singing and does not permit us to add very much extra work, but we are trying to make a card index record of each pupil's work in music and are giving tests which, however, are not completed in the primary grades nor in the High School. The following are the topics of the examinations with their per cent. values attached:

Quality of Voice, 10 per cent.
Tonality, 20 per cent.
Sight Reading, 10 per cent.
Technical Knowledge, 10 per cent.
Daily Work, 50 per cent.

It is planned to give these tests in rotation and in the order named, one each during the months of October, December,

February, April, and June, and record the results on each pupil's card. We are also trying to gather some statistics as to the number of pupils studying music outside of school, the instrument or subject studied, and the amount of time given to daily practice which are also recorded on the cards. There are in Reading 170 pupils in the grades and 94 in the High School who have made a beginning in education in music other than that provided by the schools.

COURSE IN MUSIC

GRADE I

Teach the tones of the major scale. Use three sets of names, the Italian syllables, the names of the intervals, and the numerals. Introduce the staff notation. Use all the keys in rapid rotation. Teach easy rote and action songs by ear.

GRADES II-III

Give breathing exercises. Review the intervals from dictation and from the staff representation. Read many, easy, short exercises from the chart or books. Read in a different key each day and in all keys in rotation. Encourage individual singing and singing from visual memory. Train the pupils to beat time with the finger on the desk or book. Introduce the following topics: Names of the lines and spaces; signatures of the keys; names of the keys; location of one; time signatures; time values of the notes and rests. Teach rote and action songs by ear.

GRADES IV-V-VI

Give breathing and voice culture exercises. Teach the divided beat and the chromatic scale. Sing in one, two, or three part songs, according to the ability of the class. Require pupils to beat time on the cover of the book, and to count silently. Use a different key each day and all the keys in rotation. Teach the names of the lines and spaces; the signatures of the keys; the names of the keys; the location of one; the time signatures; and the time values of the notes and rests.

GRADES VII-VIII-IX

Give breathing and voice culture exercises; Sing solfeggio exercises and songs in parts according to the ability of the class. Require pupils to beat time and to count silently. Use at least two different keys each week, and all keys in rotation. Give written work on the following topics: Names of the lines and spaces of the great clef; signatures of the keys; names of the major and minor keys; location of one; time signatures; and time values of the notes and rests.

HIGH SCHOOL

Chorus practice.

The work in drawing is continued in as interesting and progressive manner as usual.

An event of much importance to teachers and scholars, and considered by them a great honor, occurred in December, 1904. This was the awarding of prizes in a competition offered by *The School Arts Book*, "an illustrated monthly magazine devoted to the service of those who teach drawing, and the allied arts in schools." The magazine is edited by Mr. Henry T. Bailey, formerly State Supervisor of Drawing. Several prizes are offered each month for the best work sent in from any state, as specified in the outline published for the month. The work for the eighth grade called for a working drawing of a three-fold screen, and a surface design in color for the panels. Miss Parker adapted the idea for a small lamp screen, and proposed that the pupils send not only the drawings, but that the boys construct the frames from wood in connection with their manual training work. The boys worked with enthusiasm and were much gratified when the *first* prize of five dollars was awarded Howell Hallett, and a fourth prize to Jack Thorburn, and honorable mention to Marion Flint, Ethel Strout and Nellie Warner. These awards seem to indicate that our instruction in drawing is approved by those best qualified to judge, and is worthy of special commendation.

In connection with the drawing it is well to call attention to the very artistic posters which have been designed by several of

the High School girls to advertise various social functions. Though not a part of regular school work they show good results of training in color harmony, spacing and lettering. All may not be effective as posters but many are excellent in drawing and of refined coloring, an evidence of cultured taste and skillful handling.

It is hoped that in the new High School building ample provision will be made for a suitable drawing room, having adequate accommodations for classes in all departments of drawing, and also for storage of materials and completed work.

The interest in the system of Stamp Savings continues and we are glad to state that, through the efforts of the Woman's Club, we are now able to use our own stamps instead of purchasing from the offices in Boston, as we have done until the present year.

Regarding the care of the property, we may say that the fire at the Union Street school, which required the closing of the school for a full week, called for more thorough repairs of the school building than usual, but with two new ceilings and a metal lath and plaster ceiling in the basement, with metal boxes and pipes instead of wood for the heating and ventilating system, we have a building as good as new, requiring, however, considerably greater expense than the amount received for insurance. To meet the requirements of the State Police Board a fire escape has been contracted for, which will be additional expense to that already incurred.

As the furnaces at the John Street school needed to be replaced it seemed best to take the large furnace from the Sheak house and set it up to furnish heat for the two rooms. With a modification of the first plan of setting it up the furnace is doing satisfactory work.

A small primary school has been located in the large dining-room of the Sheak house and is easily heated by the hot water system which was installed in the rear portion of the house.

The concrete at the Prospect Street school was repaired, while late in the season the curb was set across the front of the High School lot and dry wells have been provided so that in the spring

the grading will be finished and quite an area of green sward will take the place of the former bareness.

These changes, with the usual repair of the desks, cover the repairs on the property.

In closing I desire to express my thorough appreciation of the hearty co-operation of both teachers and members of the committee.

Under such conditions the best possible results for time, energy and money expended are guaranteed.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVILLE A. STONE,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER

From Jan. 1, 1904, to Jan. 1, 1905

To the Superintendent:

Number of cases reported to me	59
Number found to be truancy	31
Number claimed to be cases of illness	8
Number insufficiently clad, mainly shoes	8
Number kept at home	6
Number over 14 years of age	5
Number removed from town	1
Number induced to return to school	53

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. SMITH,

Truant Officer.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

READING HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1904

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 22

AT 7.45 O'CLOCK

PROGRAM

"Not for self but for all"

PRAYER

REV. W. C. MYERS

SINGING "Unfold ye Portals" Gounod

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

AMERICANS OF TOMORROW (Salutatory)

JAMES WHITING FAIRCHILD

THE DESTINY OF THE SLAV

W. FRANKLIN TURNER

SINGING "Wiegenlied" Frank

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

CLASS HISTORY

BLANCHE INEZ NICHOLS

THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE

LEONARD GATES NICHOLS

SINGING "The Marathon Race" Bizet

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

THE KING OF FINANCE

RAYMOND B. PARKER

CLASS PROPHECY

GERTRUDE WILLIAMS ALGER

SINGING "When the Sun in Splendor Rising" Donizetti

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

THE POWER OF WEALTH

ANNIE MAY JENKINS

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON (Valedictory)

GERTRUDE ELIZABETH OXLEY

*HOWARD TORREY

SINGING "The Voyagers" Facer

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

WALTER S. PARKER, CHAIRMAN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

*Special Honor in Physics.

NAMES OF GRADUATES

COLLEGE COURSE

Annie M. Jenkins

SCIENTIFIC COURSE

Edwin K. Abbott
Pearl M. Burgess
Harold B. Jewett
Leonard G. Nichols
Raymond B. Parker
Carl B. Sawyer
Howard Torrey
W. Franklin Turner
George C. Bosson

NORMAL COURSE

Zaida L. Badger
Gertrude E. Oxley

GENERAL COURSE

Gertrude W. Alger
Jennie E. Bessey
Maude A. Carter
Elizabeth A. Choate
Guy B. Cook
Margaret C. Devaney
Edna Ellison
James W. Fairchild
Blanche V. Hewes
Inez B. Nichols
Bertha M. Parker
G. Leslie Parker
Moses C. Parker
George C. Preston
Flora C. Ramsay
Helen E. Ruggles
Fred P. Turner
Alice E. Wickens
Marian E. Wiswall

Miss Rose E. Stone, '05, Accompanist of Chorus

GRADUATES OF THE HIGHLAND SCHOOL, JUNE, 1904

BOYS	GIRLS
Barr, Robert	Abbott, Lottie F.
Bartlett, Herbert	Bancroft, Marion S.
Batchelder, Elmer	Clapp, Priscilla S.
Blethen, Henry	Cloudman, Eva J.
Bolton, Charles H.	Colby, Almeda E.
Brooks, G. Clark	Coolidge, Marion
Cheney, Mervin C.	Cullinane, Nora L.
Connelly, William A.	Devaney, Rose A.
Crooker, E. Percy	Doucette, Irene M.
Cullinane, Charles	Eaton, Alma L.
Davis, Russell W.	Eaton, Florence A.
Devaney, Luke T.	Emerson, Muriel A.
Devaney, Martin	Ferson, Gertrude L.
Dushane, Hartley C.	Forbes, May L.
Eames, Harlan	Galvin, Dorothy
Eames, Hugh L.	Granfield, Susie T.
Fairbanks, Irving	Greeley, Gertrude M.
Galvin, John	Hastings, Bessie
Goodridge, George W.	Lamprey, Bessie
Goodwin, Percival	Lassell, Gariella C.
Hartshorn, Benjamin M.	Mansfield, Grace C.
Holmes, John C.	McKinley, Alice M.
Holmes, Lawton G.	Millett, Margaret B.
Logan, Joseph	Murray, Mary E.
Lovejoy, Morton	Nichols, Jessie
Milbury, William R.	Peabody, Ruth
Mooney, Arthur	Roberts, Marjorie
Moses, Raymond G.	Robinson, Margaret L.
Myers, C. Fred	Skinner, Grace F.
Nesmith, C. Irving	Trask, Ethel G.
Ordway, Clinton O.	Turner, Minnie E.
Quinlan, John	Tuttle, Mildred C.
Richardson, Roy E.	Walker, Jennie
Riley, James F.	Wall, Margaretta E.
Rounds, Oscar H.	White, Louise E.
Smith, Wilfred B.	
Thaxter, Carl H.	
Trenholm, John E.	
Turner, Thomas F.	
Webb, T. Edward	

STATISTICS TAKEN FROM REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD IN APRIL, 1904, AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS

Sept. 1899	832
" 1900	853
" 1901	890
" 1902	915
" 1903	967
" 1904	938

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 7 AND 14 YEARS

Sept. 1899	648
" 1900	648
" 1901	680
" 1902	636
" 1903	682
" 1904	758

Length of school year, 1903-1904 . . . . 40 wks.
Number of days lost from stormy days, etc. . . . 16.5
Actual length of school year . . . . 9 mos. 3.5 dys.
Number of different pupils enrolled for the year ending June 20, 1903 1137

Average number in each of the twelve grades for first four months of school year:

Year	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Spc.	Tot'l
1899	120	103	102	87	108	75	93	68	56	46	17	23	5	903
1900	127	136	66	107	89	98	66	82	49	37	36	14	0	907
1901	177	102	108	77	105	87	97	64	61	42	28	25	5	978
1902	142	126	90	86	117	98	100	70	56	64	34	21	4	1008
1903	127	114	103	104	86	109	97	93	63	61	53	31	9	1050
1904	129	131	116	116	95	91	109	86	79	60	53	54	4	1123

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, WHERE EDUCATED, YEAR WHEN FIRST APPOINTED

ALSO ENROLLMENT FOR FOUR MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 24, 1904

School	Grade	Teacher	Where Educated	Year First Appointed	Salary	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Neither Absent nor Tardy
High		Harry T. Watkins, M.A., Master	Colby University	1903	$1800	258	251.1	241.2	96.1	205	63
"	XII	Wm. W. Keyes, Sub-Master	Bates College	1904	850	60					24
"	XI	Jennie F. Currier	Radcliffe Special	1900	750	53					21
"	X	Jennie E. Wier	Boston University	1901	750	61					7
"	IX	Alice W. English	Wesleyan University	1904	650	84					11
"		Florence B. Messer	Mt. Holyoke College	1904	600						
"		Mary J. Bourne, M. A.	A. B. Vassar, M. A., Brown	1904	750						
"		Edith R. Clapp, M. A.	M. A. Brown University	1904	650						
"		Alice I. Mandell	Boston University	1904	750						
"		Marion G. Richardson	Boston University	1904	600						
Highland		Alice Barrows, Principal	Bridgewater Normal	1880	1000						
"	VIII	Emma S. Page, Ass't Principal	N. H. State Normal	1899	650	48	45.2	43.3	96.	38	11
"	VIII	Ethel L. Leach	Mt. Holyoke	1904	400	42	40.6	39.4	97.	32	14
"	VII	Emma E. Morse	N. H. State Normal	1903	550	48	47.4	44.5	93.9	34	9
"	VII	Wilhelmina Patterson	" " "	1904	450	48	45.3	42.	92.7	131	4
"	VII-VI	May M. Badger	Bridgewater Normal	1902	450	49	48.4	44.6	92.2	72	2
"	VI	Alice E. Hood	Concord, N. H., Training	1902	500	50	48.9	44.5	91.	38	9
"	V	Edith A. Estes	Gorham Normal	1901	500	49	47.1	44.2	93.8	54	6
"	V	Delia M. Holman	Lewiston Training	1904	425	47	45.5	42.5	93.4	24	8
"	IV	Ada R. Evarts	New Haven Normal	1902	500	46	45.6	43.1	94 5	99	4
"	IV	Mary H. Barr	Bridgewater Normal	1904	400	43	41.9	40.4	96.4	52	6
Union St.	III	Laura C. Pollard, Principal	Salem Normal	1899	550	41	39.2	36.7	93.6	26	2
"	III	Ruth E. Lane	N. H. State Normal	1901	475	40	39.3	35.9	91.3	27	5
"	II	Annie P. Reid	Reading High School	1884	400	39	37.9	36.2	95.5	39	3
"	I	Marion G. Morgan	Bridgewater Normal	1904	450	40	34.6	32.4	93.6	14	3
Sheak	I	Myra K. Parker	Reading High School	1898	425	34	32.3	30.1	90.3	42	0
John St.	II	M. Grace Wakefield	Salem Normal	1890	475	37	36.8	33.4	90.7	31	1
"	I	Mabel Darrah	Bridgewater Normal	1904	500	47	42.9	39.2	91.3	54	2
Prospect St.	IV-III	Margaret C. Duncan	Worcester Normal	1903	475	44	42.4	40.3	95.5	67	7
"	II-I	Clara B. Wright	Lowell Normal	1902	450	46	42 3	38.1	90.1	180	1
Chestnut Hill	VI-V-IV	Gertrude B. Howard	Lowell Normal	1902	400	17	15.9	14.9	93.7	40	4
"	III-II-I	Florence Parker Atwood	Lowell Normal	1900	400	18	15.8	14.5	91.8	9	3
Lowell St.	III-II-I	Edith A. Wright	Hyannis Summer School	1904	400	35	33.6	31.6	94.	29	4
Special Teachers											
Drawing		Annie B. Parker	Prang's Normal	1892	425	1166					
Music		Ernst Makechnie	Graduated under Holt and Eichberg; Paris 1 yr.	1903	500						
Sewing		Grace E. Barclay		1904	125						
Manual Training		Walter F. Brackett		1902	480						

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriations:		
General, for Superintendent, teachers, janitors and fuel	$24,200 00	
Contingent, for incidentals, books and supplies	4,800 00	
Received for tuition	760 02	
Received for fire insurance	848 50	
Received for material sold	1 95	
		$30,610 47
EXPENDITURES		
Paid for teachers, janitors and fuel	$23,992 05	
Paid incidental expenses	3,296 75	
Paid for books and supplies	1,679 33	
Paid Superintendent of Schools	1,066 66	
Transportation	540 00	
Truant Officer	30 00	
Rent of Main street lot	5 00	
Total expenses		$30,609 79
Balance		68
General appropriation	$24,200 00	
Tuition	583 77	
Fire insurance	848 50	
Materials sold	1 95	
		$25,634 22
Paid Superintendent	$1,066 66	
Paid teachers	19,688 54	
Paid janitors	1,735 34	
Paid fuel	2,568 17	
Paid transportation	540 00	
Paid Truant Officer	30 00	
Paid rent of Main street lot	5 00	
		$25,633 71
Unexpended balance		51

Appropriation for incidentals and supplies	$4,800 00	
Received for tuition	176 25	
		$4,976 25
Paid incidental expenses	$3,296 75	
Paid for books and supplies	1,679 33	
		$4,976 08
Unexpended balance		17

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

PAID TEACHERS OF HIGH SCHOOL

Harry T. Watkins	$1,740 00	
Fred W. Gentleman	217 50	
Wm. W. Keyes	572 50	
Christina M. Scott	260 00	
Alice W. English	438 75	
Mabel S. Robbins	425 94	
Edith R. Clapp	260 00	
Jennie E. Wier	750 00	
Jennie F. Currier	750 00	
Carrie L. Mason	345 00	
Mildred L. Powell	220 00	
Alice I. Mandell	300 00	
Mary J. Bourne	300 00	
Marion G. Richardson	240 00	
Florence B. Messer	240 00	
Gertrude C. Brown	330 00	
Ella S. Mosher	93 00	
Lucy E. Cyr	15 00	
Marion Pratt	10 00	
		$7,507 69

HIGHLAND SCHOOL

Alice Barrows	$970 00	
Emma S. Page	550 00	
Florence B. Messer	283 13	
Ethel L. Leach	106 00	
Emma E. Morse	520 00	
Rosa E. Richardson	255 66	
Wilhelmina Patterson	178 00	
May M. Badger	411 09	
Delia M. Holman	403 75	
Cora J. Gile	14 85	
Alice E. Hood	464 37	
Edith A. Estes	468 13	
Ada R. Evarts	437 00	
Bessie G. Hurlbutt	228 00	
Mary H. Barr	160 00	
Mrs. Ida A. Young	10 00	
E. Laura Moore	30 00	
Mrs. Mabel Nutter	10 00	
Marion Pratt	5 37	
Mrs. Abbie P. Granger	155 00	
		$5,660 35

UNION ST. SCHOOL

Laura C. Pollard	$520 00	
Ruth E. Lane	392 50	
Annie P. Reid	397 00	
Myra K. Parker	240 00	
Marion H. Morgan	180 00	
Florence E. Pierce	78 00	
Mary Wiley	3 00	
		$1,810 50

JOHN ST. SCHOOL

M. Grace Wakefield	$456 44	
Mabel Darrah	469 06	
Mary Wiley	4 50	
		$930 00

PROSPECT ST. SCHOOL

Margaret C. Duncan	$460 00	
Clara B. Wright	435 00	
		$895 00

CHESTNUT HILL SCHOOL

Gertrude B. Howard	$368 50	
Florence Parker Atwood	370 00	
Annie E. Tenney	30 00	
Mary Wiley	1 50	
		$770 00

SHEAK SCHOOL

Myra K. Parker	$170 00

LOWELL ST. SCHOOL

Mary W. Gill	$239 00	
Miriam A. Clarke	1 00	
Edith A. Wright	160 00	
		$400 00

SPECIAL TEACHERS

Annie B. Parker, drawing	$425 00	
Ernst Makechnie, music	500 00	
Mary J. Wilson, sewing	93 75	
Grace E. Barclay, sewing	31 25	
Walter F. Brackett, manual training	480 00	
John L. Howard, writing	15 00	
		$1,545 00

PAID JANITORS

Clement Gleason (Highland)	$883 34	
Charles L. Gowing (9 mos. 3 wks. High, Union St. and John St.)	489 50	
Harry E. Jenkins (2 mos. 1 wk.)	112 50	
Timothy Cummings (Prospect St.)	120 00	
Robert E. Parker (Chestnut Hill)	80 00	
Charles F. Bessom (Lowell St.)	50 00	
		$1,735 34

FUEL

Bancroft, Wendell & Co.	$1,700 33	
Barrows, H. C.	87 50	
Batchelder, A. E.	10 00	
Borthwick Bros.	17 50	
Martin, C. L.	750 84	
Symonds, O. P. & Sons	2 00	
		$2,568 17

TRANSPORTATION

Borthwick Bros.	$320 00	
Boston & Northern St. Ry. Co.	220 00	
		$540 00

TRUANT OFFICER

A. A. Smith	$30 00
Rent of Main St. School lot	$5 00
Total	$25,633 71

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

Allen, Hall & Co.	$199 60
American Express Co.	18 39
Atkinson & Mentzer	59 56
Badger, W. B. & Co.	9 00
Bancroft, Wendell & Co.	50 97
Barrows, Alice	10 67
Bent, L. G.	9 71
Blunt, John A.	25
Borthwick Bros.	5 75
Bowker, S. W.	2 00
Bradley, Milton Co.	1 40
Burditt & Williams	3 20
Burgess, R. P.	68 88
Butters, Mrs. F. A.	1 00
Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Co.	7 50
Chandler & Barber	6 97
Chickering & Sons	5 00
Clapp, R. D.	57 78
Cook, A. S.	2 73
Cook, W. F.	6 25
Crowther, Geo.	1 25
Cummings Express	54 08
Eames, L. T.	32 00
Electric Light and Power Dept.	23 02
Essex Publishing Co.	10 00
Fife, T. C.	163 26
Flint, Wesley	19 10
Franklin, A. B. & Co.	18 56
Frazer, J. H.	2 20
Fuller, Seth W.	2 25
Gleason, Clement	15 25
Gleason, J. W.	9 00
Amount carried forward	$876 58

Amount brought forward	$876 58
Hanscom, E. C.	3 75
Hartford Steam Boiler Ins. Co.	112 50
High School Curbing	39 92
Hutchinson, F.	2 45
Johns H. W.--Manville Co.	24 91
Johnson, H. R.	772 82
Kendall, H. C.	7 75
Keyes, W. W.	14 96
Killorin	74 55
Knott, L. E. Apparatus Co.	1 25
Library Bureau	11 00
Lovejoy Granite Co.	29 56
Makechnie, Ernst	15 00
Manhattan Electrical Supply Co.	2 88
Masonic Temple Corporation	25 00
Metcalf, E. C.	7 10
Miller, Henry F. Co.	11 00
Muse, John	45 32
Nichols, M. E.	19 13
Parker, Jennie L.	3 50
Parker, Lemuel	1 50
Parker, Moses	1 50
Parker, Robert E.	2 50
Parker, Stillman E.	40 00
People's Gas and Electric Co.	30 50
Pierce, Geo. E.	6 00
Pigueron, D.	25 63
Police Dept.	6 00
Prentiss & Viall	32 00
Reading Water Works	142 96
Robbins, C. M.	2 00
Russell, Edward B.	6 00
Sheak, Adelaide M.	55 50
Amount carried forward	$2,783 52

Amount brought forward	$2,783 52	
Smith Premier Co.	6 05	
Stinchfield, C.	23 70	
Stock, Herbert G.	1 00	
Stock, John	27 00	
Stone, Melville A.	197 08	
Tarbell, E. H. Co.	3 79	
Twombly, W. E. & J. F.	209 85	
Walworth Mfg. Co.	15 88	
Waters, James	1 50	
Watkins, H. T.	9 88	
Zwicker, Jason	17 50	
Total		$3,296 75

SUPPLIES ACCOUNT

American Book Co.	$98 72	
Appleton, D. & Co.	6 54	
Atkinson, Geo. H.	9 53	
Atkinson & Mentzer	35 02	
Babb, E. E. & Co.	157 74	
Bancroft, Wendell & Co.	26 99	
Baird, A. F.	11 75	
Barnard, F. J. & Co.	129 07	
Bay State Card and Paper Co.	3 25	
Bradley, Milton Co.	17 00	
Carter, Rice & Co.	3 40	
Castor, T. H. & Co.	1 70	
Central School Supply Co.	50 00	
Continental Brush Co.	33 50	
Cook, A. S.	3 65	
Cupples & Schoenhof	2 88	
Dennison Mfg. Co.	3 25	
Ditson, O. & Co.	5 00	
Eagle Pencil Co.	97 85	
Amount carried forward	$696 84	

Amount brought forward	$696	84
Eimer & Amend	84	96
Ginn & Co.	197	97
Gregg Publishing Co.	20	20
Hammett, J. L. & Co.	15	02
Heath, D. C. & Co.	150	30
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	12	67
Kenney Bros. & Walkins	3	00
King, Geo. F. & Co.	2	00
Knott, L. E. Apparatus Co.	207	34
Koschwitz & Co.	8	00
Longmans, Green & Co.	3	00
Makechnie, Ernst	7	81
Maynard, Merrill & Co.	28	29
McMillan Co.	22	78
Merriam, G. & C.	27	75
Metcalf, E. C.	3	58
Milwaukee Dustless Brush Co.	8	78
Moore, A. G. & Co.	5	00
Morse Co., The	29	47
Novello, Ewer & Co.	21	80
Parker & Page	13	75
Pureoxia Co.	4	50
Reading Co-operative Ass'n	1	50
Sibley & Co.	1	25
Silver, Burdett & Co.	13	30
Suffolk Ink Co.	4	00
Talbot Co.	3	00
Typewriter Exchange	10	70
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.		85
Ward, S. Co.	35	42
Willis, W. H.	7	55
Wilson, Mary J.	8	60
Winchester, Geo. A.	18	35
		$1,679 33

TOWN OF READING.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Electric Light Commissioners

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1904

OFFICERS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners

WM. S. KINSLEY, *Chairman*, . . .	Term expires, 1906
GEORGE L. FLINT, *Secretary*, . . .	" " 1905
WALTER F. COOK	" " 1907

Manager

M. L. SWIFT

OFFICE: Room 9, Masonic Block

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1904.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CONSTRUCTION

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1903 . . .	$ 26 14	
Amount due from Maintenance account Dec. 31, 1903	209 86	
Appropriation for 1904	2,099 34	
Cash received for sale of cable . . .	46 35	
		$2,381 69

EXPENDITURES

ELECTRIC PLANT

Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co. . .	$407 51

LINES

Union Hardware and Elec. Supply Co.	$ 14 00	
Electric Gas Lighting Co.	63 35	
Boston & Maine R. R.	132 77	
Western Electric Co.	283 05	
Pay rolls	13 00	
Boston Lumber Co.	283 48	
Pettengill-Andrews Co.	9 75	
General Incand. Arc Light Co.	21 00	
Buffalo Specialty Co.	71 56	
Est. of Geo. P. Bowers	4 06	
		$896 02

ARC LAMPS AND GLOBES

Boston & Maine R. R.	$ 1 02	
General Electric Co.	18 24	
General Incand. Arc Light Co.	499 88	
American Express Co.	2 35	
Cummings Express Co.	3 05	
Western Electric Co.	15 00	
		$539 54

METERS

Stanley Instrument Co.	$66 00	
Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co.	803 01	
Boston & Maine R. R.	11 05	
American Express Co.	3 50	
		$883 56

CONVERTERS

Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co.	$862 05	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	1 16	
		$863 21
		$3,589 84

SUMMARY

Charges to Construction account . .	$3,589 84	
Credits to Construction account . .	2,381 69	
Amount borrowed from Maintenance acc't Dec. 31, 1904		$1,208 15

RECAPITULATION

Cost of Municipal Light and Power Plant, December 31, 1904

Total cost to Dec. 31, 1903 . . .		$82,739 53
TOTAL CHARGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1904		
Electric plant	$407 51	
Lines	896 02	
Arc lamps and globes	539 54	
Meters	883 56	
Converters	863 21	
		$3,589 84
		$86,329 37
Construction stock on hand Dec. 31, 1904 .	$1,154 37	
Cash received for cable	40 25	
		$1,194 62
Total cost to Dec. 31, 1904 . . .		$85,134 75

MAINTENANCE

RECEIPTS

Cash received from Arc Light Rentals	$6,180 66	
Cash for Commercial Incan. Light	5,068 27	
Cash for Domestic Incan. Light	6,404 08	
Cash for Town Incan. Light	376 62	
Cash for Meter Rents	363 10	
Cash for Wiring, Labor and Fixtures	729 94	
Cash for Incandescent Lamps	237 21	
Cash for Miscellaneous articles	31 90	
		$19,391 78

EXPENDITURES

FUEL

Pay rolls	$ 36 00	
Curran & Burton	4,539 69	
Boston & Maine R. R.	599 34	
		$5,175 03

OIL AND WASTE

Boston & Maine R. R.	$ 2 78	
Eagle Oil and Supply Co.	135 24	
Harris Oil Co.	13 00	
		$151 02

WATER

Reading Water Works	$51 03

STATION WAGES

Pay rolls	$2,860 71

REPAIRS OF REAL ESTATE

Wendell Bancroft & Co.	$17 83	
E. C. Hanscom	76 48	
Francis Bros.	85	
		$95 16

REPAIRS OF STEAM PLANT

M. H. O'Brien	$21 00	
Francis Bros.	3 40	
H. K. Austin	6 91	
T. C. Fife	21 48	
Boston & Maine R. R.	1 25	
Eagle Oil and Supply Co.	42 08	
Hayden & Co.	22 00	
Allis-Chalmers Co.	2 25	
Standard Packing Mfg. Co.	1 25	
The Fairbanks Co.	6 50	
Locke Regulator Co.	4 81	
American Express Co.	40	
		$133 33

REPAIRS OF ELECTRIC PLANT

J. T. Freeman & Co.	$28 60	
Boston & Maine R. R.	3 32	
Crown Woven Wire Brush Co.	40 00	
Westinghouse Electric and Mfg. Co.	28 25	
American Express Co.	20	
		$100 37

STATION TOOLS AND APPLIANCES

Francis Bros.	$16 43	
Eagle Oil and Supply Co.	9 36	
Western Electric Co.	5 16	
American Express	13 05	
Gibson Soap Co.	7 50	
Goldena Mfg. Co.	18 00	
Fred Wallace	3 00	
G. H. Atkinson	40	
T. C. Fife	92	
Revere Rubber Co.	19 04	
Cummings Express Co.	2 90	
		$95 76

WAGES CARE OF LIGHTS

Pay rolls		$780 00

REPAIRS OF LINES AND LAMPS

Pay rolls	$709 00	
Pettengill-Andrews Co.	254 70	
Western Electric Co.	29 48	
Boston & Maine R. R.	5 22	
Cummings Express Co.	2 30	
Union Hardware and Elec. Supply Co.	5 00	
T. C. Fife	3 13	
Francis Bros.	6 97	
Eagle Oil and Supply Co.	10 20	
Asahel Wheeler & Co.	7 55	
		$1,033 55

CARBONS

C. S. Knowles	$59 50	
Boston & Maine R. R.	34 14	
National Carbon Co.	350 23	
Pettengill--Andrews Co.	1 76	
		$445 63

INCANDESCENT LAMPS

Western Electric Co.	$350 91	
Stuart--Howland Co.	4 75	
Electric Gas Lighting Co.	121 25	
Pettengill--Andrews Co.	8 52	
Boston & Maine R. R.	3 73	
Frank Willis	8 00	
Bay State Incan. Lamp Co.	56 85	
American Express Co.	2 75	
		$556 76

GLOBES

Boston & Maine R. R.	$ 2 58	
Pettengill--Andrews Co.	10 85	
F. O. Dewey Co.	24 50	
		$37 93

DISTRIBUTION TOOLS AND APPLIANCES

Henry K. Barnes	$9 00	
Western Electric Co.	5 50	
		$14 50

GENERAL SALARIES

Pay roll	$1,108 70

GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSES

Harley Prentiss, P. M.	$87 42	
New Eng. Tel. and Tel. Co.	78 69	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly	43 75	
Morris--Ireland Safe Co.	6 00	
Electrical World and Engineer	3 00	
Turner Mfg. Co.	10 25	
Thorp & Martin Co.	3 25	
Hobbs & Warren Co.	102 00	
G. H. Atkinson	91	
Sundries	11 26	
Francis Bros.	90	
M. F. Charles	4 95	
American Express Co.	90	
		$353 28

RENTS

Masonic Temple Corporation	$110 04

INSURANCE

Prentiss & Viall	$524 50

LAW EXPENSES

A. P. French	$4 61

BAD DEBTS

Sundry bills	$85 37

INCIDENTALS

W. A. Wood & Co.	$ 4 20	
Frank F. Strout	15 00	
Jas. A. Bancroft	41 63	
		$60 83

INTEREST

Interest on bonds	$1,640 00	
Interest on notes	271 00	
		$1,911 00

STABLE

Geo. A. Shackford	$16 25	
F. P. Abbott	330 00	
W. C. Taylor	56 40	
Wm. Nokes	25 00	
C. D. Wells	56 50	
R. A. White	8 00	
C. H. Playdon	3 50	
A. B. Matthews	5 00	
P. J. Seaman	5 45	
F. W. Danforth	28 08	
O. O. Ordway	4 20	
Samuel Brown	1 00	
		$539 38

WIRING, LABOR AND FIXTURES

L. T. Eames	$63 78	
Pettengill--Andrews Co.	142 35	
Western Electric Co.	125 82	
Electric Gas Lighting Co.	111 55	
McKenney & Waterbury Co.	244 97	
Frank Willis	75	
Pay rolls	65 00	
A. W. Danforth	1 25	
Boston & Maine R. R.	75	
Stuart--Howland Co.	1 45	
Francis Bros.	3 70	
C. S. Knowles	8 38	
Cummings Express Co.	1 60	
Union Hardware and Supply Co.	37 20	
American Express Co.	3 55	
		$812 10
		$17,040 59

SUMMARY

Total credits to Maintenance account .		$19,391 78	
Total charges to Maintenance account . . .	$17,040 59		
Amount borrowed from Const. acct. Dec. 31, 1903 .	209 86		
		17,250 45	
			$2,141 33
Cash balance on hand Dec. 31, 1904 . .		$933 18	
Amount loaned Construction account . .		1,208 15	
			$2,141 33

RECAPITULATION

CREDITS

Appropriation for Maintenance . . .	$6,180 66	
Cash for Commercial Incand. Lights . .	5,068 27	
" " Domestic Incand. Lights . .	6,404 08	
" " Town Incand. Lights . . .	376 62	
" " Meter Rents	363 10	
" " Wiring, Labor and Fixtures . .	729 94	
" " Incandescent Lamps . . .	237 21	
" " Miscellaneous Articles . . .	31 90	
Amount due for Light and Meter Rents, Dec. 31, 1904	2,538 48	
Amount due for Wiring, Labor, Fixtures and Incand. Lamps, Dec. 31, 1904 . .	538 47	
Maintenance Stock on hand Dec. 31, 1904 .	1,771 22	
Maintenance bills payable Dec. 31, 1903 .	1,000 00	
		$25,239 95

DEBITS

Fuel	$5,175 03	
Oil and waste	151 02	
Amount carried forward	$5,326 05	

Amount brought forward	$5,326 05	
Water	51 03	
Station wages	2,860 71	
Repairs of real estate	95 16	
Repairs of steam plant	133 33	
Repairs of electric plant	100 37	
Station tools and appliances	95 76	
Wages care of lights	780 00	
Repairs of lines and lamps	1,033 55	
Carbons	445 63	
Incandescent lamps	556 76	
Globes	37 93	
Distribution tools and appliances	14 50	
General salaries	1,108 70	
General office expenses	353 28	
Rents	110 04	
Insurance	524 50	
Law expenses	4 61	
Bad debts	85 37	
Incidentals	60 83	
Interest	1,911 00	
Stable	539 38	
Wiring, labor and fixtures	812 10	
Maintenance stock on hand Dec. 31, 1903	740 61	
Amount due for light and meter rent Dec. 31, 1903	2,917 44	
Amount due for wiring, labor and lamps Dec. 31, 1903	544 08	
		$21,242 72
Balance gain for year		$3,997 23

INVENTORY

CONSTRUCTION STOCK ON HAND DEC. 31, 1904

Meters	$292 00	
Converters	485 00	
Lines	377 37	
		$1,154 37

MAINTENANCE STOCK ON HAND DEC. 31, 1904

Globes	$61 10	
Oil and waste	32 35	
Carbons	174 35	
Incandescent lamps	89 29	
Repairs of lines and lamps	36 00	
Repairs of electric plant	24 05	
Repairs of steam plant	34 25	
Station tools	7 15	
Fuel	1,179 00	
Wiring and labor	133 68	
		$1,771 22
Total stock on hand Dec. 31, 1904		$2,925 59

Table showing the earnings each month from incandescent light and meter rents and a comparison with the previous year:

	Light	Meter Rent	Total 1904	Total 1903
January	$1,240 42	$26 40	$1,266 82	$1,153 18
February	1,055 47	28 30	1,083 77	950 13
March	1,089 63	32 70	1,122 33	818 42
April	780 45	26 30	806 75	758 50
May	665 45	33 00	698 45	555 67
June	947 27	46 25	993 52	672 47
July	451 42	26 80	478 22	430 55
August	698 96	36 00	734 96	565 14
September	951 63	38 30	989 93	773 61
October	1,319 39	36 00	1,355 39	1,053 48
November	1,520 40	33 80	1,554 20	1,421 17
December	1,773 39	35 60	1,808 99	1,767 78
	$12,493 88	$399 45	$12,893 33	$10,920 10
Less discount allowed for cash payments			982 38	810 09
			$11,910 95	$10,110 01

The Board respectfully calls attention to their annual report, which shows the Electric Light Plant to be in a very prosperous condition. The steam and electric machines and the lines are in a high state of efficiency and the real estate is in excellent repair.

Before another fall the Town will be completely re-lamped with enclosed arcs, which give such satisfactory street lighting.

Our books continue to show a steady increase in customers, and this, together with the efficiency of our apparatus, certainly makes the future look bright for the Municipal Light and Power Plant. Respectfully,

WILLIAM S. KINSLEY,
GEORGE L. FLINT,
WALTER F. COOK,
Municipal Light Board.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation			$900 00
Proceeds of dog tax, 1903			547 97
EXPENSES			
Rent:			
Odd Fellows' Building Association		$475 00	
Light:			
Reading Electric Department		$51 86	
Salaries:			
Bertha L. Brown, librarian	$300 00		
Clover Granger, assistant	30 25		
C. H. Stinchfield, janitor	33 00		
		$363 25	
Books:			
American Library Co.	$28 35		
L. C. Page & Co.	1 00		
J. J. Adams & Co.	15 00		
H. W. Wilson Co.	4 00		
Chas. E. Lauriat Co.	104 74		
Old Corner Book Store	250 79		
A. W. Danforth (periodicals)	42 60		
		$446 48	
Sundries:			
Prentiss & Viall, insurance	$60 00		
H. R. Johnson, repairs	50		
Library Bureau, stock	5 88		
Office, Bank & Library Co., covers	24 00		
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	8 50		
C. F. Libbie & Co., book-case	12 50		
		$111 38	
		$1,447 97	$1,447 97

FINE ACCOUNT

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1904	$150 98	
Rec'd from sale of catalogs, cards, fines, etc.	51 85	
		$202 83
Paid for binding books		59 88
Balance		$142 95

The following volumes have been presented to the Library:

NAMES OF DONORS	NUMBER OF VOLUMES	
U. S. Documents and Reports	25	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	26	
Others	22	
	73	
Number of new volumes added		293
Total number in library		10,224
Circulation, year ending Dec. 31, 1904		18,164
Largest single month, March		1,877
Smallest, September		1,215

The Public Library continues to receive the liberal patronage of our citizens. Its use for other purposes than the circulation of fiction also increases, and the plan of putting recent accessions upon open shelves undoubtedly operates in this direction.

Current purchases have included a considerable number of volumes especially adapted to reference work in connection with the schools, and others will be purchased upon the suggestion of teachers from time to time.

In the past certain volumes have been added for the benefit of study classes connected with the Woman's Club, or upon the request of individuals engaged in particular lines of research. The Trustees welcome suggestions of this kind, invite them, and will always, as far as possible, supply books intended to aid serious work requiring literary matter not already on our shelves.

The present Librarian, Miss Brown, has introduced the plan of a card catalogue for all new accessions. This takes the place of the printed accession lists formerly used, and, being available at all times, forms the nucleus of the card catalogue which should eventually include everything in the library.

It has been suggested that a special effort be made to obtain all books which may have been written by residents of Reading, these to be separately shelved and preserved as a distinct department of the library. The suggestion is a good one. Such a collection would have great historic interest, and its value would increase from year to year. Already many of the volumes referred to are in our possession. Others are extremely rare and cannot easily be found. Some may be in private libraries in town. The Trustees will gratefully receive gifts of bound books, pamphlets, or other literary material by Reading authors, and respectfully solicit such gifts from any source, and will supplement them by purchases in order to make the collection as complete as possible.

The legacy of $200 received from the estate of Miss Climena Wakefield, acknowledged in our last report, has been invested through the Town Treasurer, for the benefit of the library.

The collection of books given by Miss Wakefield, prior to her death, has been placed in a separate case for reference use within the library.

The Trustees have received the resignation of Mr. F. E. Whittemore, a member of the board, due to his removal from this town. As Mr. Whittemore's term expires with the close of the present year, the vacancy has not been filled. Two vacancies, therefore, require to be filled at the ensuing town meeting, the term of Mr. Cyrus M. Barrows also expiring.

We recommend an appropriation of $900, the same as granted for the present year, in addition to the proceeds of the dog tax, for

the maintenance of the library during the year ending January 31, 1905.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE G. WADLIN, *Chairman*,
CYRUS M. BARROWS, *Secretary*,
J. WOODWARD MANNING,
HENRY G. KITTREDGE,
HARLEY PRENTISS,*

Trustees.

Adopted, January 21, 1905.

*Mr. Prentiss, by reason of illness, was unable to be present at the meeting when this report was adopted.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS.

	Appropriation	Sundry Credits	Total Amount, Including Approp'ation	Expended	Unexpended	Overdrawn
Salaries of Town Officers	$3,600 00		$3,600 00	$3,575 92	$24 08	
Town Building and Office	400 00		400 00	454 18		54 18
Printing	700 00		700 00	699 17	83	
Election Expenses	300 00		300 00	245 43	54 57	
Soldiers' Relief	1,500 00	4 00	1,504 00	1,123 14	380 86	
Soldiers' Relief Acct. Town of North Reading				77 50		77 50
Burial Agents' Account				70 00		70 00
Decoration and care of Soldiers' Graves	175 00		175 00	175 00		
Electric Lights G. A. R. Hall	50 00		50 00	50 00		
State and Military Aid	2,800 00		2,800 00	2,555 00	245 00	
Acct. Chas. L. Haag				82 04		82 04
Rent of Playground				427 00		427 00
Commonwealth of Mass. vs. Town of Reading				1,000 00		1,000 00
Care and improvement of Common and Parks	150 00		150 00	87 22	62 78	
Edgestones around Common	200 00		200 00	196 66	3 34	
Reading Home for Aged Women	75 00		75 00	75 00		
Swan Estate		108 00	108 00	22 76	85 24	
Improvement of Common (Civic League)	100 00		100 00	100 00		
Wall in Drain through land of Fred A Nichols	100 00		100 00	78 75	21 25	
Band Concerts	100 00		100 00	100 00		
Reading Water Works	13,990 00		13,990 00	13,990 00		
Municipal Light and Power Plant	12,680 00		12,680 00	12,680 00		
Interest on School House Bonds	1,240 00		1,240 00	1,240 00		
Interest on School House Notes	312 50		312 50	417 50		105 00
School House Note	2,000 00		2,000 00	2,000 00		
School House Bonds	2,000 00		2,000 00	2,000 00		
High School Building Lot		8,000 00	8,000 00	8,000 00		
Interest	960 00	1,931 93	2,831 93	2,510 99	320 94	
Abatement of Taxes	600 00	51 98	651 98	652 11		13
Indexing Old Town Records	50 00		50 00	40 00	10 00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000 00	27 69	1,027 69	977 17	50 52	
Highways, Bridges and Repairs of Sidewalks	3,000 00	3,709 65	6,709 65	6,709 65		
Street Sprinkling	449 00		449 00	448 30	70	
Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (abutters to pay one-half)	200 00	100 35	300 35	201 96	98 39	
Concrete Gutters, Crossw'lks and Paved Gutters	250 00		250 00	41 51	208 49	
Repairs of Concrete	350 00	28 37	378 37	378 37		
Beach Street	150 00		150 00	140 41	9 59	
Removal of Snow and Ice	800 00	656 46	1,456 46	1,456 46		
Bridge at Reading—North Reading line, Main St.	450 00		450 00	450 00		

Fire Department	5,000 00	15 00	5,015 00	4,927 02	87 98	
Forest Fires	150 00		150 00	153 85		3 85
Fire Alarm Boxes Nos. 17 and 68	75 00		75 00	59 01	15 99	
Fire Alarms, Tower Strikers on Hose Houses Nos. 3 and 4	500 00		500 00	489 47	10 53	
Police Department	2,883 40	216 72	3,100 12	3,087 12	13 00	
Board of Health	600 00	13 00	613 00	663 38		50 38
Laurel Hill Cemetery	600 00	1,394 97	1,994 97	1,909 20	85 77	
Tree Warden Account	700 00		700 00	492 53	207 47	
Overseers of Poor Account	3,300 00	984 67	4,284 67	4,412 05		127 38
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		11 52	11 52	218 14		206 62
City of Melrose		14 75	14 75	29 25		14 50
City of Woburn		74 89	74 89	74 89		
City of Cambridge				11 00		11 00
Town of Wakefield		90 69	90 69	118 53		27 84
Town of Wilmington		126 55	126 55	235 15		108 60
Town of North Reading				13 87		13 87
Schools	24,200 00	1,433 77	25,633 77	25,633 77	06	
School Incidentals	4,800 00	181 81	4,981 81	4,981 19	62	
Public Library	900 00	547 97	1,447 97	1,447 97		
	94,379 90	19,724 74	114,104 64	114,486 53	1,998 00	2,379 89
Overdrawn	2,379 89					
Unexpended	1,998 00		381 89			
Expenses for Year 1904			114,486 53			
Add Temporary Loans			86,000 00			
Total Selectmen's Orders			200,486 53			
Expenses above			114,486 53			
Less following amounts due on account year 1904:						
State and Military Aid	2,530 50					
Commonwealth of Mass., Acct. Burial Agent	70 00					
Commonwealth of Mass., Poor Account	206 62					
City of Melrose	14 50					
City of Cambridge	11 00					
Town of Wakefield	27 84					
Town of Wilmington	108 60					
Town of North Reading	91 37					
Chas. L. Haag	82 04					
County Treasurer	8 00					
Mary Bunker	6 35		3,156 82			
Net Expenses			111,329 71			
Less Sundry Credits for 1904, as above			19,724 74			
Amount raised by taxation and appropriations from available assets			$91,604 97			

DR. EDWARD F. PARKER, TREASURER,

To Cash in Treasury January, 1904		$ 8,620 70
To Cash received from State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, 1903		55 29
" " " " National Bank Tax, 1903		560 96
" " " " Support of State Paupers		61 02
" " " " Corporation Tax, 1904		3,078 12
" " " " National Bank Tax, 1904		1,003 48
" " " " State and Military Aid		2,695 00
" " " " Street Railroad Franchise Tax		2,310 02
" " " " Repairs of State Highway		6 83
" " County Treasurer, Dog Tax, 1903		547 97
" " Hired Money, Temporary Loan		1,200 00
" " Hired Money, School House Loan		8,000 00
" " Hired Money in Anticipation of Taxes		85,000 00
" " H. M. Viall, Collector St. Railroad Excise Tax		2,098 19
" " H. M. Viall, Taxes Paid after Abatement		51 98
" " H. M. Viall, Redemption Tax		1 00
" " County Treasurer, Police Service		24 00
" " Selectmen, Concrete and Edgestone Account		100 35
" " Selectmen, License Fees		16 00
" " Selectmen, Spraying Trees		173 45
" " Selectmen, Telephone Service		30
" " Selectmen, Highway Department		13 24
" " Selectmen, Fire Department		15 00
" " Selectmen, Miscellaneous		1 00
" " Overseers of the Poor, Town Home		493 46
" " Overseers of the Poor, Outside Poor		151 84
" " First National Bank, Interest		131 51
" " Superintendent of Streets, Material Sold		26 34
" " Superintendent of Streets, Bills Overpaid		15 50
" " Supt. of Schools, Tuition and Material Sold		87 08
" " Town of Wilmington, Outside Poor		147 18
" " Town of North Reading, Outside Poor		44 43
" " Town of North Reading, Tuition		680 00
" " Town of Wakefield, Outside Poor		90 69
" " Town of Saugus, Outside Poor		117 13
" " City of Woburn, Outside Poor		121 05
" " City of Melrose, Outside Poor		49 75
" " City of Waltham, Outside Poor		10 00
" " Trustees of Cemetery, Lots Sold		545 50
" " Trustees of Cemetery, Interest on Bequests		259 50
" " Fannie A. Morton, Cemetery Bequest		100 00
" " Lewis M. Bancroft, Cemetery Bequest		50 00
" " Caroline L. White, Cemetery Bequest		50 00
" " Henry Cook, Administrator, Cemetery Bequest		50 00
" " Charles W. Cochrane, Cemetery Bequest		200 00
" " Adelaide R. Weston, Cemetery Bequest		100 00
" " Edgar M. Knight, Cemetery Bequest		100 00
" " Bridget McDonald, Burial Bequest		175 50
" " Fourth District, Court Fines		153 00
" " Master House of Correction		33 00
" " Frank Parker, Sealer of Weights, Services		10 69
" " Police for Services		6 42
" " Board of Health, for Services		13 00
" " Quincy Fire Insurance Co., for Fire Damage		377 11
" " Dorchester Fire Insurance Co., for Fire Damage		471 39
" " Swan Estate		108 00
" " Paid Treasurer on Orders Drawn		179 36
" " H. M. Viall, Collector, List 1902		12,033 60
" " H. M. Viall, Collector, List 1903		21,100 00
" " H. M. Viall, Collector, List 1904		61,825 00
		$215,740 93

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING, CR.

By Paying County Tax, 1904		$ 4,934 51
" State Tax, 1904		3,650 00
" National Bank Tax, 1904		348 48
" Repairs of State Highway, 1904		108 77
" Selectmen's Orders		200,486 49
" Cash in Treasury, January, 1905		6,212 68
		$215,740 93

EDWARD F. PARKER,

Treasurer.

Dr. EDWARD F. PARKER, Treasurer, IN ACCOUNT

To Cash in Treasury, January, 1904	$ 75 93
" Received from First National Bank, Interest	46 47
" Received from Water Commissioners	19,207 15
	$19,329 55

Dr. EDWARD F. PARKER, Treas., IN ACCOUNT WITH

To Cash in Treasury, January 1, 1904	26 14
To Cash Received from Electric Light Commissioners	21,465 31
	$21,491 45

WITH TOWN OF READING WATER SUPPLY, Cr.

By Paying Water Commissioners' Orders	$19,303 10
By Cash in Treasury, January, 1905	26 45
	$19,329 55

EDWARD F. PARKER,

Treasurer.

TOWN OF READING ELEC. LT. & POWER PLANT, Cr.

By Paying Electric Light Commissioners' Orders	$20,558 27
By Cash in Treasury, January, 1905	933 18
	$21,491 45

EDWARD F. PARKER,

Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

LIABILITIES

Water bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1905	$209,000 00
Interest accrued on same	759 92
Electric light bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1905	44,200 00
Interest accrued on same	422 56
School bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1905	44,000 00
Interest accrued on same	607 78
Temporary loans	50,375 50
Interest accrued on same	478 68
Highway notes due Dec. 7, 1907 and 1908	2,000 00
Interest accrued on same	5 56
Due to Fire Department	792 03
Miscellaneous debts	2,337 95

TRUST FUNDS

Bequest of Nancy Wakefield	$100 00	
" Thomas Sweetser	100 00	
" Sabrina Nichols	100 00	
" Martha Pike	25 00	
" Sarah Batchelder	25 00	
" T. T. Greenwood	500 00	
" Mark Temple	100 00	
" Susan Wright, Elizabeth Preston and Margaret Gilman	75 00	
" Elizabeth B. Eames and Ida L. Nelson	100 00	
Amount carried forward	$1,125 00	354,979 98

Amount brought forward		$1,125 00	354,979 98
Bequest of Lavinia Coggin		100 00	
" Margaret Towne		100 00	
" Lucretia A. Hopkins and Elias Boardman		150 00	
" Mrs. Sarah Smith		100 00	
" Gilman D. Kingman		100 00	
" Rosamond C. Pratt		100 00	
" Mary F. Harnden		100 00	
" Mary B. Wakefield		100 00	
" P. Jane Batchelder		100 00	
" Arthur D. Kingman		50 00	
" Estate of P. A. Corkins		100 00	
" Dorinda R. Pratt		200 00	
" Mary Ann McAllister		100 00	
" Gilman A. Coggin		100 00	
" Mary Ann McAllister for Joseph Bryant		50 00	
" Miss Mary Evans		50 00	
" Frederick Bancroft		44 89	
" Estate of Samuel Pierce		100 00	
" D. W. Berry, executor		100 00	
" William L. Crowe		100 00	
" George C. Coney		100 00	
" Heirs of Sherman Case		75 00	
" Estate Isaac M. Clark		100 00	
" Estate Mary Butler		150 00	
" " Mary E. Badger		100 00	
" " Heil J. Nelson		200 00	
" " John Burrill		100 00	
" " F. O. Dewey		300 00	
" " S. H. Dinsmore		100 00	
" Mary J. Kimball		50 00	
" Alden Batchelder		100 00	
Amount carried forward		$4,444 89	354,979 98

Amount brought forward	$4,444 89	354,979 98	
Bequest of Estate Charles A. Weston	100 00		
" Henry F. Parker	100 00		
" Sarah D. Eaton	100 00		
" Heirs of James H. Bancroft	75 00		
" Mary W. Pratt	50 00		
" Miss Climena Wakefield	100 00		
" Estate Louisa M. Eaton	100 00		
" Maria E. Waitt	100 49		
" Adrien Mertens	200 00		
" Albert B. Gleason	50 00		
" Frances P. Dow	100 00		
" Estate Thomas Richardson	100 00		
" Helen M. Sherman	50 00		
" Susan B. Moseley	50 00		
" Charles E. Hall	100 00		
" Lucy W. Parker	75 00		
" Estate Martha R. Temple	100 00		
" Estate Needham Nichols	100 00		
" Mary W. Pratt	50 00		
" Mrs. James T. Norris	300 00		
" Estate Francis Kingman	100 00		
" Estate Albert Nichols	100 00		
" George L. Smith	200 00		
" Susan A. Martin	100 00		
" Maria Carter	100 00		
" Hubbard Copeland	150 00		
" John Draffin	100 00		
" Hattie D. Pond, executrix	100 00		
" Trustees of Laura Frost	50 00		
" Abby C. Clapp	100 00		
" Emily Alice Jones	100 00		
" Emma M. Brown	75 00		
" F. Eliza Kingman	100 00		
Amount carried forward	$7,820 38	354,979 98	

Amount brought forward	$7,820 38	354,979 98	
Bequest of Edward T. Pendergrast	100 00		
" Fannie A. Morton	100 00		
" Lewis M. Bancroft	50 00		
" Caroline L. White	50 00		
" Hannah C. Cochrane	50 00		
" Charles W. Cochrane	200 00		
" Edgar M. Knight	100 00		
" Reuben Weston	100 00		
	$8,300 38		
Interest accrued on the above funds not yet expended	461 40		
		$8,761 78	
		$363,741 76	

AVAILABLE ASSETS

Unpaid taxes Oct. 1, 1903	$10,980 55
Unpaid taxes Oct. 1, 1904	33,691 56
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes	1,328 90
Due from State Aid account	2,530 50
Due from Commonwealth of Mass., (burial)	70 00
" " " " (poor)	206 62
" City of Melrose	14 50
" City of Cambridge	11 00
" Town of Wakefield	27 84
" Town of Wilmington	108 60
" Town of North Reading	91 37
" Chas. L. Haag	441 19
" County Treasurer	8 00
" Mary Bunker	6 35
" Mary Jane Weinberg	33 50
" Hospital Account	409 83
" Concreting Account	76 53
Unexpended balance St. Railway Tax	116 11
Amount carried forward	$50,152 95

Amount brought forward		$50,152 95
Cash in Treasury		6,212 64
Cash in Treasury, water supply		26 36
Cash in Treasury, electric light		933 18
		$57,325 13
Available assets in excess of liabilities:		
Uncollected taxes and accounts due		$50,152 95
Cash in Treasury		6,212 64
		$56,365 59
Bills payable	$3,129 98	
Interest on school bonds	607 78	
Interest on bequests	461 40	
Temporary loans and interest	50,854 18	
Interest on highway notes	5 56	
		$55,058 90
		$1,306 69

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Water Commissioners, and Electric Light Commissioners, and found satisfactory vouchers for all expenditures.

We have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk, Collector, and Treasurer, and found them correct.

EDGAR N. HUNT,
ALBERT P. DANE,
GEO. H. CLOUGH,
Auditors.

BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING

	SCHOOL	ELECTRIC LIGHT	WATER
May 1, 1905		$1,400 00	
May 10, 1905	$2,000 00		
June 1, 1905			$7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1905	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1905		2,000 00	
Mch. 9, 1906	5,000 00		
May 1, 1906		1,400 00	
June 1, 1906			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1906	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1906		2,000 00	
Dec. 7, 1906		1,400 00	
Apr. 21, 1907	2,000 00		
June 1, 1907			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1907	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1907		2,000 00	
Apr. 21, 1908	2,000 00		
June 1, 1908			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1908	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1908		2,000 00	
Apr. 21, 1909	2,000 00		
June 1, 1909			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1909	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1909		2,000 00	
Apr. 21, 1910	2,000 00		
June 1, 1910			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1910	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1910		2,000 00	
June 1, 1911			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1911	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1911		2,000 00	
Mch. 15, 1912			10,000 00
June 1, 1912			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1912	3,000 00		

	SCHOOL	ELECTRIC LIGHT	WATER
Oct. 1, 1912		2,000 00	
June 1, 1913			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1913	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1913		2,000 00	
June 1, 1914			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1914	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1914		2,000 00	
June 1, 1915			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1915	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1915		2,000 00	
June 1, 1916			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1916		2,000 00	
June 1, 1917			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1917		2,000 00	
June 1, 1918			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1918		2,000 00	
June 1, 1919			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1919		2,000 00	
June 1, 1920			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1920		2,000 00	
June 1, 1921			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1921		2,000 00	
June 1, 1922			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1922		2,000 00	
June 1, 1923			10,000 00
Oct. 1, 1923		2,000 00	
June 1, 1924			10,000 00
Oct. 1, 1924		2,000 00	
June 1, 1925			10,000 00
June 1, 1926			5,000 00
June 1, 1927			3,000 00

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS

[Printed by Request of Citizens' Committee]

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS

Leafless and dying trees, millions of caterpillars crawling about, discomfort and suffering for everybody from brown tail moth itch. This is what is coming next Spring, if every householder does not destroy the eggs of the gypsy moth at once, and as soon as the leaves are gone remove from the trees all the nests of the brown tail moth. Each cluster of eggs destroyed and each nest burned, means the death of hundreds of destructive pests.

THE GYPSY MOTH

Destroy the eggs of the Gypsy Moth as soon as possible after they are laid. Commence early in September and keep at it until every cluster has been destroyed.

WHERE TO FIND THE EGGS

Some of the eggs are on tree trunks and on the under side of limbs. But you will find most of them very near the ground — in bushes, rubbish heaps, on large stones, walls, fences and sides and corners of buildings.

WHAT THE EGGS ARE LIKE

When first laid they consist of clusters of four or five hundred eggs covered with the light brown down of the moth, giving them the appearance of small silk-velvet cushions of a bright buff or sponge color. Later on, they may turn nearly white, or become quite dark colored from exposure to the weather.

HOW TO DESTROY THE EGGS

Dip the brush into the creosote, paint the cluster thoroughly, taking pains not to break it up. Allow it to soak in for a few minutes, then paint over again, working the creosote into the cluster with the brush so that every egg is reached and killed. Do not attempt to remove the eggs from their place of attachment, unless they are in such a position that they cannot be reached to paint with creosote. If beyond reach, detach them with the scraper, taking pains to hold a suitable container to catch the eggs and prevent their being scattered about, as every egg so scattered is liable to hatch in the Spring. These detached eggs should be saturated with creosote or burned. If a tree has any loose bark, removing this carefully may reveal many egg clusters.

THE GYPSY MOTH CATERPILLARS

The gypsy moth caterpillars are far more destructive eaters than the brown tails. The eggs hatch about the first of May. When an inch and a half or more in length, a double row of blue spots is seen near the head, followed by a double row of crimson spots extending to the tail. The gypsy moth caterpillar is very hairy and has a comparatively large head.

TO KEEP THE CATERPILLARS FROM ASCENDING THE TREES

Before the first of May place a girdle of burlap 12 to 15 inches wide around each tree, tie it in the middle with a stout cord and then turn down the upper half so as to form a flap, or tent, into which the caterpillars crawl and remain until removed. Turn up the flaps once a day and brush the worms into a dish of boiling water. They will be found in the greatest numbers after the first of May.

THE GYPSY MOTH

The caterpillars enter the chrysalis form from the middle to the last of July, and early in August the moths crawl out. The female moth has full developed wings, whitish in color, but does not fly. It crawls about, often fluttering its wings, near its place of birth, and soon lays its eggs and dies. Destroy every one you see.

THE BROWN TAIL MOTH

Remove the nests from shrubs and trees as soon as the leaves are gone in the Autumn. Keep at it until every one is removed. These nests are found at the end of branches and consist of webs enclosing one or more leaves. They contain from 50 to 800 small caterpillars. They should be burned in the furnace or stove. Do not burn on a bon-fire unless first saturated with kerosene to make sure that everyone is destroyed. It is useless to cut them from the trees and allow to lie upon the ground, as the caterpillars crawl out from their nests and ascend the trees early in the Spring.

THE BROWN TAIL'S SPRING FEEDING

All the webs or nests should be destroyed before the first of March. From the 18th of March to the 20th of April the young caterpillars crawl from their nests and begin feeding. Sometimes they eat the leaf buds as they begin to open, and so prevent the tree leafing out. When they first crawl from the web they are about one-fourth of an inch in length. In early June they are from an inch to an inch and a quarter long, full grown, dark brown or black, with markings of a yellowish or dull reddish color. They have an abundance of small reddish yellow or brownish barbed hairs, which are shed and scattered about in molting and more or less during feeding. These hairs, coming in contact with the human skin, penetrate it and cause severe irritation.

SPRAYING THE TREES DURING FEEDING

The only method of destroying the caterpillar during feeding is to spray the trees, using Paris Green in the proportion of one pound to 150 gallons of water, or a teaspoonful to two gallons of water; or better still, 5 to 10 pounds of Arsenate of Lead to 150 gallons of water. The Arsenate of Lead adheres to the foliage better and does not injure it as does Paris Green. These mixtures must be kept constantly stirred while being used.

THE BROWN TAIL MOTHS

The caterpillars enter the chrysalis condition during the last

half of June and the white moths emerge from the first to the 20th of July. The female has a large tuft of yellowish to dark brown hairs on the end of the abdomen — hence the name "Brown Tail Moth." They lay an average of 250 eggs each. They are great flyers, usually resting during the day and flying during the night, the greatest number being seen between the hours of ten o'clock and midnight.

TRAP THE MOTHS

When the moths BEGIN FLYING early in July, each night place in your yard a wash tub or other similar container in which is water a few inches in depth with its surface covered with a layer of kerosene oil (a pint or so to each tub). Suspend a lighted lantern so that it hangs about half an inch above the surface of the liquid in the tub. Next morning remove the moths that have collected in the tub, destroy them and renew the trap in the early evening.

FALL FEEDING OF BROWN TAILS

The eggs laid by the Brown Tail Moth from the 1st to the 20th of July hatch in about fifteen to twenty days, or from the 15th of July to the 10th of August. The young larvæ at once commence to feed on the surrounding foliage, returning each night to the original breeding leaf. They eat the epidermis of the leaves and cause them to turn brown, as if scorched by fire. They often attack fruit and impair its value. They continue feeding until early in September, when they enter their webs or nests to remain until the following March. Many might be destroyed by spraying during the fall feeding.

CAUTION

Fruit trees bearing fruit should not be sprayed during the fall feeding time, as the poison is liable to adhere to the fruit and be dangerous to life.

BROWN TAIL ITCH

The working of the barbed hairs of the Brown Tail Moth into the skin causes intense irritation. It varies in severity from a mild

rash to violent inflammation accompanied by extensive swellings and numerous little blisters. In some cases it has been so extensive as to cause death. It may arise from the hairs becoming attached to clothes hung out to dry, from the hairs lodging upon the person out of doors, or from being blown in large numbers into the house and so coming in contact with the person.

REMEDIES FOR BROWN TAIL ITCH

The inflammation is renewed daily from contact with a new supply of the irritating hairs and a cure may not be complete while the cause remains. Relief may be found in the use of vaseline, sweet oil, alcohol and water mixed, bay rum, and a mixture of alcohol 1-4 pint, water of ammonia a tablespoonful, water 1-2 pint. Lotions may not soothe as much as the vaseline or oil, but are much more cleanly to apply.

WHAT WE SHOULD DO

Every citizen should destroy the eggs of the Gypsy Moth and remove and burn the nests of the Brown Tail Moths on his premises and adjoining shade trees that can be reached.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX S.S.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Lower Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the sixth day of March, A. D. 1905, at six o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, one member of Board of Assessors for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one member of Board of Health for three years, two Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors, and Tree Warden for one year; also, on same ballot, Yes or No, in

answer to the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventh day of February, A. D. 1905.

JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
HENRY R. JOHNSON,

Selectmen of Reading.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX S.S.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the sixth day of March,

A. D. 1905, at seven thirty o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Finance Committee, Tree Warden, and Special Committees.

Art. 3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Art. 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, Incidental School Expenses, Superintendent of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, Sprinkling Streets, Removing Snow and Ice, Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, Police Department, Forest Fire Wards, Support of Poor, Salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Building, Cemetery, Public Library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Care of Old South Clock, Interest Account, Care and Improvement of the Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, Election Expenses, Concrete Gutters, Crosswalks and Paved Gutters, Repairs of Concrete, Miscellaneous Expenses and Tree Warden.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-two hundred and eighty dollars for the purpose of maintaining one hundred and thirty-eight arc lights at sixty dollars per light; and appropriate the same together with receipts of Plant and cash on hand, as follows, viz.:

Three thousand dollars for construction account and the balance for interest and maintenance accounts of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending December thirty-first, 1905, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the

sum of thirty dollars to install an arc lamp on High street, about one hundred feet north of Woburn street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty dollars to install an arc lamp on Salem street, near Winter street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five dollars to install an arc lamp on Green street, near Elliott street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to install an arc lamp on Bancroft avenue, midway between Mt. Vernon street and Middlesex avenue, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to furnish electricity for the Home for Aged Women.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars to furnish water for the Home for Aged Women.

Art. 12. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, interest on water loan and maintenance of water works.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year.

Art. 14. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 15. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling the vacancies on the Finance Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eleven hundred and sixty dollars to meet the interest on School House Bonds.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred eighty-two dollars and fifty cents to meet the interest on School House Notes.

Art. 19. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of Electric Light and Power Plant Note for fourteen hundred dollars due May 1, 1905.

Art. 20. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of School House Note for two thousand dollars due May 10, 1905.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Selectmen to purchase the playground on Washington street owned by Mr. Kirk Sweetser, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to issue the note or notes of the Town for the sum of seventy-six hundred dollars for the purposes set forth in Article 21 of this warrant, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars (the amount raised and appropriated last year) for the purpose of taking care of the water on Pearl street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to drain West street at a point near John H. Knights', said drain to be laid across land of Henry Livermore; and raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will allow Dr. H. B. Howard to lay a drain from Manning's Block, so called, along Main street to a point near the Y. M. C. A. building, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of

Selectmen to build a sidewalk on the easterly side of Grove street, from Lowell street to Forest street, and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars, which was raised and appropriated last year. Any expenditure over this amount necessary to complete the work to be taken from the regular highway appropriation, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art 27. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to dispose of the school house on North Main street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will concur with the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners in the proposed change in the boundary line between the towns of Lynnfield and Reading as recommended by said Board, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars toward defraying the expense of band concerts for the coming summer, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to purchase of the Old South M. E. Church the lot of land adjoining the cemetery, lying northerly of a line parallel to and twenty-five feet distant from the northerly end of the chapel belonging to said church, containing fourteen thousand square feet, for the sum of one thousand dollars, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars for the Police Department for the ensuing year, or otherwise provide for the same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Department thirty-five dollars per year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to purchase one thousand feet of Fire Hose, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a Life Saving Apparatus, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to establish a Fire Alarm Box at the corner of Main and Forest streets, and raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of sixty dollars for the purpose of placing a hydrant on South Main street, opposite the house of A. P. Oliver, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a steam road-roller at a cost not exceeding three thousand dollars, and raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars for payment of a portion of the purchase price, and give the note or notes of the Town for the balance, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the purpose of shingling the barn at the Town Home, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 39. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of Grove street, from Lowell street to Forest street, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will appoint a committee for the purpose of revising the By-Laws, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of installing a heater in the Town Building, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will adopt the report of the Committee on Building Laws which was appointed at the annual

Town Meeting, March, 1901, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of paying the amount due the attorney in the Nowell case, (Commonwealth of Massachusetts vs. Town of Reading), or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 44. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the repair of the same.

Art. 45. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventh day of February, A. D. 1905.

JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
HENRY R. JOHNSON,
Selectmen of Reading.

LIST OF NAMES OF JURORS

The subscribers, Selectmen of Reading, present the following list of persons, who, in their judgment, are qualified to serve as jurors:

Adams, George E.	Clerk
Allen, William J.	Clerk
Badger, Henry B.	Church Organ Worker
Batchelder, Warren A.	Carpenter
Batchelder, Howard W.	Farmer
Batchelder, Adelbert E.	Farmer
Beaudry, Charles B.	Organ Pipe Worker
Bessom, Charles F.	Farmer
Bosson, Harry P.	Insurance Agent
Brown, Joseph H.	Restaurateur
Brown, Samuel	Wheelwright
Bowker, Samuel W.	Contractor
Bancroft, Frederick	Broker
Bailey, Willard L.	Merchant
Carter, George	Laborer
Connelly, John	R. R. Employe
Cook, George	Bookkeeper
Cook, Walter F.	Painter
Davis, Arthur E.	R. R. Employee
Devaney, Patrick, Jr.	R. R. Employee
Eames, Charles B.	Shoe Worker
Eames, Edward B.	Merchant
Eames, George T.	Real Estate
Eames, Webster	Laborer
Eaton, John H.	Carpenter
Flint, George L.	Carpenter
Horrocks, George E.	Real Estate
Johnson, J. Dana	Shoe Worker
Jones, William H.	Farmer
Hanscom, Edwin C.	Contractor
Kimball, Charles D.	Machinist

Knight, Edgar M.	Machinist
Krook, Lambertus W.	Cabinet Maker
La Clair, Henry S.	Farmer
Lee, Charles W.	Merchant
Lovejoy, Eugene L.	Merchant
MacDougal, Chester W.	Plumber
McIntire, Herbert E.	Carpenter
Mack, George	Upholsterer
Mears, William H.	Merchant
Nichols, Amos C.	Caterer
Nichols, Parker	Farmer
Oakes, George F.	Engineer
Parker, Asa	Farmer
Parker, Fred A.	Organ Pipe Worker
Parker, Horace A.	Cabinet Maker
Peabody, Dean	Clerk
Pratt, David W.	Laborer
Pratt, Wilmot K.	Laborer
Runkle, E. Holcombe	Clerk
Roundy, Elmer J.	Farmer
Sargent, George A.	Shoe Worker
Stone, Merrick A.	Clerk
Stewart, Spencer G.	Builder
Smith, Benjamin Y.	Organ Pipe Worker
Stinchfield, Charles H.	Machinist
Trask, Charles W. C.	Farmer
Temple, Joseph S.	Manufacturer
White, Thomas J.	Merchant
Quillen, William	Carpenter

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Selectmen of Reading.

Reading, Feb. 11, 1905.

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